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INTRODUCTION

As the President's chief message-crafting body, the Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office (PCDSPO), is mandated to provide strategic communication leadership and support to the Executive Branch, its composite agencies, and instrumentalities of government.

The PCDSPO is also mandated to act as custodian of the institutional memory of the Office of the President. One of our projects is the continuation of the series of books called the Messages of the President, started in 1936 by Jorge B. Vargas, Executive Secretary to President Manuel L. Quezon. The series was a wide collection of executive issuances, speeches, messages, and other official papers of the President. The volumes were intended to serve as the definitive compilation of presidential documents. The series was continued until the Quirino administration, although the series for the Presidential administrations of Presidents Quezon, Roxas, and Quirino were never completed.

In 2010, President Benigno S. Aquino III ordered the revival of the series and the constitution of a complete set, covering all 15 presidential administrations. With pride, we continue what Vargas began.

We would like to extend our gratitude to our partners for without whose gracious cooperation, this project would have not been possible.

A note on organization: Each presidential administration's messages are in book form, compiled and subdivided into volumes. The books are as follows:

- Book 1: Emilio Aguinaldo
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- Book 4: Sergio Osmeña
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- Book 14: Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo
- Book 15: Benigno S. Aquino III

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 - Volume 5: Administrative Orders
 - Volume 6: Proclamations
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Volume 7: Other issuances

Volume 8: Cabinet minutes

We hope that this collection will be a useful and vital reference for generations to come.

PREFACE

On July 30, 2010, President Benigno S. Aquino III issued Executive Order No. 4, which effectively renamed what was previously called the Malacañang Museum into the Presidential Museum and Library (PML) and placed it under the supervision and control of the Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office (PCDSPO). The PML is responsible for preserving, managing, and promoting the history and heritage of the Philippine presidency. It is the principal historical and artistic repository in support of the institution of the presidency, for the benefit of the Republic and the Filipino people. In partnership with the PCDSPO, which has pioneered the publication of the Official Gazette of the Republic of the Philippines as a web archive and information website, the PML has taken this mandate and placed it on the cutting edge of the information age.

Much has been done over the past years, under the administration of President Aquino III, to digitize executive issuances, speeches, letters, and other presidential papers; and publish them online. The project is not limited to a single administration, nor does it discriminate. This collection, published as databases, as well as print and e-publications, includes documents from the presidency of Emilio Aguinaldo to the current Aquino administration. This represents the government's allegiance to transparency, continuity, and the fostering of an informed citizenry, as well as an effort, in earnest, to preserve the institutional memory of the Presidency. All this was done not just for the posterity, but for the current generation and the ongoing task of nation building.

The PML are proud partners of the Official Gazette and PCDSPO team, to whom we made the collections available. We sincerely hope that this series will serve as a vital reference to educators, students, journalists, lawyers, historians, and the public at large.

FOREWORD

This is the fourth, fifth, and sixth volume of President Sergio Osmeña's official papers, which constitutes the fourth book of the Messages of the President series. The series was started in 1936 by Executive Secretary Jorge B. Vargas, during the first year in office of Manuel L. Quezon, the first President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines. The fourth volume contains President Osmeña's executive orders, which provide for rules of a general or permanent character in implementation or execution of constitutional or statutory powers. The fifth volume collects President Osmeña's administrative orders, which relate to particular aspects of governmental operations in pursuance of the President's duties as administrative head. The sixth volume collects President Osmeña's proclamations, which fix a date or declare a status or condition of public interest or importance.

BOOK 4

PRESIDENT SERGIO OSMEÑA

President Sergio Osmeña is the second President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines. He assumed office after the death of Manuel L. Quezon on August 1, 1944. President Osmeña was scheduled to assume the presidency of the Commonwealth of the Philippines after Manuel L. Quezon's term and would have assumed office on November 15, 1943. However, the Philippines was occupied by the Japanese, and was at war. On November 12, 1943, Joint Resolution No. 95 was passed by the United States Congress and was approved by the President of the United States, continuing President Quezon's term for the duration of the war and postponing Osmeña's right to succeed the presidency until constitutional processes had been restored in the country. Osmeña relinquished his right to the presidency to Quezon because under the circumstances, the principal concern and primary consideration of the government was to win the war, liberate its people, and establish independence. Osmeña mentioned this in his speech as Vice President, formally relinquishing his right to the presidency. Sergio Osmeña was President until May 28, 1946.

The executive issuances of President Osmeña began with Proclamation No. 1-W, signed on August 1, 1944, in Washington, D.C. On September 27, 1944, the 'W' series was dropped and the numbering was changed starting with Executive Order No. 20. His executive issuances ended with Proclamation No. 38, signed on May 27, 1948.

President Osmeña's documents were gathered from its official sources such as the Official Gazette of the Philippines; Philippines Magazine; Malacañang Records Office's Book of Executive Issuances; various ephemera, including government booklets; and the MacArthur Archive Collections.

The American Psychological Association (APA) style was used for the citation. The titles that have been provided by the researchers are enclosed in square brackets, considering that the exact wordings and its order were not verbatim from the document being described. Book titles are italicized while the speech titles are not. If in any case that the book title is the same as the title of the speech, the book title should be transcribed in italics.

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President Sergio Osmeña talks with General Douglas MacArthur in Leyte, 1945.



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Executive Orders



General Douglas MacArthur turning over the control of the civil government of the Philippines to President Sergio Osmeña, February 27, 1945.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

An Executive Order provides for rules of a general or permanent character in implementation or execution of constitutional or statutory powers. The Executive Orders of President Sergio Osmeña began on August 8, 1944 with Executive Order No. 15-W, continuing the wartime series which began in Washington, D.C. (hence the 'W') by the late President Manuel L. Quezon, and ended on May 24, 1946 with Executive Order No. 109. On September 27, 1944, the W-series was dropped and the numbering changed with Executive Order No. 20.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 15-W
REORGANIZING AND CONSOLIDATING THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS
OF THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT.

For the purpose of adapting the functions of the Executive Departments of the Commonwealth Government, now temporarily established in the United States, to the exigencies and necessities of the war situation, and the public interest so demanding, I, Sergio Osmeña, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and the Emergency Powers Law, do hereby reorganize and consolidate the Executive Departments of the Commonwealth Government into five departments, to wit: the Department of Finance; the Department of National Defense and Communications; the Department of Information and Public Relations; the Department of Justice, Labor and Welfare; and the Department of Agriculture and Commerce, which shall be under the direct control of the respective secretaries of department, exercising their functions subject to the general supervision and control of the President.

All powers of direction, supervision and control over any office which does not come under the jurisdiction of any of the departments enumerated above shall be exercised by the President or by any Department Secretary whom the President may designate.

Done at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, this eight day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the ninth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1944). *[Executive Order Nos.: 1W – 109]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 16-W
CREATING A COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND A PLAN OF REORGANIZATION
OF THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF EFFECTING
ECONOMY, EFFICIENCY AND SIMPLIFICATION IN ITS OPERATIONS.

There is hereby created and constituted a Committee composed of three members, namely:

1. Hon. Jaime Hernandez, Chairman
2. Dr. Arturo B. Rotor, member
3. Col. Alejandro Melchor, member

The Committee shall investigate and study the present organization and functions of the different offices of the Commonwealth Government now established in the United States and submit recommendations to the President concerning changes which are deemed necessary in order to effect economy and efficiency, including the transfer and allocation of functions, appropriations, property, and personnel from one department or office to another; the classification of positions and the fixing of the corresponding salaries; the study and recommendation of a plan for the allocation and distribution of office space; and such other matters as are considered necessary for the efficient and economic functioning of the Commonwealth Government. It shall submit its findings and recommendations to the President as soon as possible.

This Committee is hereby authorized to call upon any official or employee, office or dependency of the Commonwealth Government for such date and assistance as may be required.

Done at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, this fourteenth day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the ninth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1944). [Executive Order Nos.: 1W – 109]. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17-W
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6-W CREATING A COMMITTEE ON RELIEF FOR
FILIPINOS STRANDED IN THE UNITED STATES ON ACCOUNT OF THE WAR.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and pursuant to the provisions of the Emergency Powers Law, I, Sergio Osmeña, President of the Philippines, do hereby create and constitute a Committee on Relief for Filipinos who are stranded in the United States on account of the war.

The Committee shall be composed of Honorable Ismael Mathay, Budget and Finance Commissioner, Chairman; Dr. Arturo B. Rotor, Secretary to the President; and Mr. Manuel A. Adeva, Chief, Nationals Division, Office of the Resident Commissioner of the Philippines to the United States, members.

The duties and functions of the Committee will be as follows:

1. To study and pass upon all requests for financial aid from Filipinos who are stranded in the United States.
2. To determine the form and amount of relief that should be given to these persons.
3. To aid them, through the Office of the Resident Commissioner, to obtain employment.
4. To review existing cases and recommend to the President such action as may be deemed proper to take in each case.

This Committee has the authority to call upon any office or employee of the Commonwealth of the Philippines with the approval of the corresponding head or chief, for assistance in carrying out its functions.

Executive Order Numbered 6-W, series of 1943, is hereby amended insofar as it is inconsistent herewith.

Done at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, this thirtieth day of August in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the ninth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1944). [Executive Order Nos.: 1W – 109]. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18-W
PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE THIRTIETH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and pursuant to the provisions of the Emergency Powers Law, I, Sergio Osmeña, President of the Philippines, do hereby set aside the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary out of any funds of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines not otherwise appropriated, for the operation of said Government now temporarily established in Washington D.C., United States of America, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and forty-five:

A. OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
I. SALARIES AND WAGES

1. The President of the Philippines (as provided in the Constitution)	\$15,000.00
2. One Secretary to the President with the rank of Secretary of Department	8,400.00
3. One Assistant Secretary to the President	5,000.00
4. One Private Secretary	3,840.00
5. One Assistant Private Secretary	1,800.00
6. One Secretary	2,600.00
7. One clerk-stenographer	2,400.00
8. One assistant in health	4,000.00
9. One senior assistant	2,400.00
10. One clerk	1,800.00
11. One administrative and disbursing officer	5,000.00
12. One assistant administrative officer	3,600.00
13. One property and records clerk	3,000.00
14. One stamp agent	2,400.00
15. Two accounts clerks at \$2,400 each	4,800.00
16. One telephone operator-clerk	1,800.00
17. One caretaker-messenger 1617 Massachusetts Ave.	1,800.00
18. One caretaker-messenger 1631 Massachusetts Ave.	1,440.00
19. One messenger	1,620.00
20. One messenger	1,440.00
21. Miscellaneous and emergency employees, including charwomen and charmen	10,000.00
22. Household personnel including chauffeurs	12,000.00
23. One medical aide	3,600.00
24. One Manager of the Tobacco Corporation acting as aide-de-camp to the President	6,000.00

25. Additional compensation of \$5 per diem to the aides-de-camp to the President, section 62 of the Revised Administrative Code	3,660.00
Total	<u>\$109,400.00</u>

II. SUNDRY EXPENSES

1. Sundry expenses, including traveling expenses, postal, telegraph, and other communication service; supplies and materials; illumination and power services; rental and repairs of buildings; printing of reports and documents; and other services	<u>\$125,000.00</u>
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III. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

1. Purchase of furniture & equipment	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
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IV. GENERAL AND SPECIAL PURPOSES

1. For a fund to be expended at the discretion of the President (as provided by law enacted by the Philippine Legislature)	\$15,000.00
2. For the salary of one disbursing officer in Washington, D.C.	2,010.00
3. For salaries of expert and technical personnel whom the President may employ by contract or otherwise	125,000.00
4. Salaries and allowances, transportation and other expenses of pensionados and fellows in the United States	30,000.00
5. For salaries of members, sundry expenses and furniture and equipment of the Filipino Rehabilitation Commission, Public Law 381, 78th Congress, approved June 29, 1944	50,000.00
6. For relief loans to Filipinos stranded in the United States on account of the war as may be authorized by the President	22,000.00
Total	<u>\$244,010.00</u>

SUMMARY

I. Total for Salaries and Wages	\$109,400.00
II. Total for Sundry Expenses	125,000.00
III. Total for Furniture and Equipment	20,000.00
IV. Total for General and Special Purposes	244,010.00
Total amount available for the Office of the President	<u>\$498,410.00</u>

B. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

I. SALARIES AND WAGES

1. One Secretary of Department	
2. One Budget and Finance Commissioner	
3. One Secretary	2,600.00
Total	<u>\$2,600.00</u>

II. SUNDRY EXPENSES

1. Sundry expenses, including traveling expenses; postal, telegraph, and other communication service; supplies and materials; and other services	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
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III. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

1. Purchase of furniture and equipment	<u>\$500.00</u>
I. Total for Salaries and Wages	\$2,600.00
II. Total for Sundry Expenses	2,600.00
III. Total for Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Total amount available for the Department of Finance	<u>\$5,100.00</u>

C. DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND
COMMUNICATIONS

I. SALARIES AND WAGES

1. One Secretary of Department	\$
2. One Secretary	2,600.00
Total	<u>\$2,600.00</u>

II. SUNDRY EXPENSES

1. Sundry expenses, including traveling expenses, postal, telegraph, and other communication services; supplies and materials; and other services	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
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III. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

1. Purchase of furniture and equipment	<u>\$500.00</u>
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IV. PHILIPPINE ARMY

1. Base pay as per Executive Order dated March 10, 1942	\$30,000.00
2. Allowances	8,000.00
3. Traveling expenses	10,000.00
Total	<u>\$48,000.00</u>

SUMMARY

I. Total for Salaries and Wages	\$2,600.00
II. Total for Sundry Expenses	2,000.00
III. Total for Furniture and Equipment	500.00
IV. Total for Philippine Army	48,000.00
Total amount available for the Department of National Defense and Communications	<u>\$53,100.00</u>

D. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND
PUBLIC RELATIONS

I. SALARIES AND WAGES

1. One Secretary of Department	\$
2. One secretary	2,600.00

3. One chief of research reference	5,000.00
4. One clerk-stenographer	2,100.00
5. One librarian	3,000.00
6. One research assistant	2,640.00
7. One research assistant	2,400.00
8. One writer-researcher	4,000.00
9. One clerk-stenographer	1,800.00
10. One public relations officer	3,600.00
11. One public relations and editorial assistant	3,200.00
12. One press relations assistant	3,000.00
13. One clerk-stenographer	1,800.00
14. One analyst	3,900.00
15. One junior analyst	3,000.00
16. One clerk-stenographer	1,800.00
17. One clerk-messenger	1,800.00
Total	<u>\$45,640.00</u>

II. SUNDRY EXPENSES

1. Sundry expenses, including postal, telegraph, traveling expenses and other communication service; supplies and materials; printing of reports and documents, including the publication of magazines and other services	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
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III. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

1. Purchase of furniture and equipment	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
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IV. ENTERTAINMENT

1. Expenses for entertainment	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
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SUMMARY

I. Total for Salaries and Wages	\$45,640.00
II. Total for Sundry Expenses	30,000.00
III. Total for Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
IV. Total for Entertainment	1,200.00
Total amount available for the Department of Information and Public Relations	<u>\$78,840.00</u>

E. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, LABOR AND WELFARE

1. Secretary of Department	\$8,400.00
2. One secretary	2,600.00
3. One attorney	3,000.00
4. One researcher	3,200.00
Total	<u>\$17,200.00</u>

II. SUNDRY EXPENSES

1. Sundry expenses, including traveling expenses; postal, telegraph, and other communication service; supplies and materials; and other services	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
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III. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

1. Purchase of furniture and equipment	<u>\$500.00</u>
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SUMMARY

I. Total for Salaries and Wages	\$17,200.00
II. Total for Sundry Expenses	2,000.00
III. Total for Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Total amount available for Department of Justice, Labor and Welfare	<u>\$19,700.00</u>

F. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE

I. SALARIES AND WAGES

1. Secretary of Department	\$
2. One secretary	2,600.00
Total	<u>\$2,600.00</u>

II. SUNDRY EXPENSES

1. Sundry expenses, including traveling expenses; postal, telegraph, and other communication service; supplies and materials; and other services	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
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III. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

1. Purchase of furniture and equipment	<u>\$500.00</u>
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SUMMARY

I. Total for Salaries and Wages	\$2,600.00
II. Total for Sundry Expenses	2,000.00
III. Total for Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Total amount available for the Department of Agriculture and Commerce	<u>\$5,100.00</u>

G. OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER

I. SALARIES AND WAGES

1. The Resident Commissioner (as provided by law enacted by the Philippine Legislature)	\$10,000.00
2. One secretary	2,600.00
3. One congressional secretary	3,000.00

4. One legal assistant	5,000.00
5. One chief, Nationals Division	6,000.00
6. One senior assistant	3,600.00
7. One assistant	2,700.00
8. One clerk-stenographer	2,400.00
9. One clerk-stenographer	1,800.00
Total	<u>\$37,100.00</u>

II. SUNDRY EXPENSES

1. Allowance to the Resident Commissioner in lieu of transportation expenses (as provided by the Philippine legislature)	\$3,000.00
2. Allowance to the Resident Commissioner in lieu of representation expenses (as provided by the Philippine Legislature)	5,000.00
3. Rental of the official residence of the Resident Commissioner (as provided by the Philippine Legislature)	6,000.00
4. Traveling expenses, supplies, materials, illumination, postal, telegraph, other communication service and miscellaneous services	10,000.00
Total	<u>\$24,000.00</u>

III. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

1. Purchase of furniture and equipment	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
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IV. SPECIAL PURPOSES

1. For salaries of personnel, sundry expenses and purchase of equipment for the offices of representatives of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines in New York and other cities	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
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SUMMARY

I. Total for Salaries and Wages	\$37,100.00
II. Total for Sundry Expenses	24,000.00
III. Total for Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
IV. Total for Special Purposes	50,000.00
Total amount available for the Office of the Resident Commissioner	<u>\$112,100.00</u>

H. GENERAL AUDITING OFFICE

I. SALARIES AND WAGES

1. The Auditor General (as provided in the Constitution)	\$7,500.00
2. One technical assistant to the Auditor General	3,750.00
3. One assistant auditor	5,000.00
4. One secretary	2,600.00
Total	<u>\$18,850.00</u>

II. SUNDRY EXPENSES

1. Sundry expenses, including traveling expenses; postal, telegraph and other communication service; supplies and materials and other services	<u>\$17,000.00</u>
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III. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

1. Purchase of furniture and equipment	<u>\$500.00</u>
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SUMMARY

I. Total for Salaries and Wages	\$18,850.00
II. Total for Sundry Expenses	17,000.00
III. Total for Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Total amount available for the General Auditing Office	<u>\$36,350.00</u>
Total for all Departments and Offices	<u>\$808,700.00</u>

CONTINGENT FUND

For covering expenses in the Office of the Vice-President for the period July 1 to August 1, 1944 and deficits in the appropriations provided in this Executive Order and for such expenses which the President may authorize	<u>\$91,300.00</u>
Grand total of the appropriation authorized in this Executive Order: Nine hundred thousand dollars	<u>\$900,000.00</u>

Any deficit in the appropriations herein authorized may be covered from any unexpended balance of any other appropriation provided in this Executive Order with the approval of the President.

Done at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, this thirty-first day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the ninth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 19-W
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO BE USED AS AID FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PROVINCIAL,
CITY AND MUNICIPAL CIVIL GOVERNMENTS WHICH MAY BE REESTABLISHED IN
THE PHILIPPINES UPON REOCCUPATION.**

WHEREAS, it is necessary that upon the reoccupation of the Philippines, provincial, city and municipal civil governments should be reestablished as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, said political subdivisions might not have sufficient funds or sources of revenue with which to defray the expenses of civil administration during the early period of reoccupation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sergio Osmeña, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and pursuant to the provisions of the Emergency Powers Law, do hereby set aside the sum of Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary out of any funds of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines not otherwise appropriated to be used as aid for the operation of the provincial, city and municipal civil governments which may be reestablished upon the reoccupation of the Philippines.

Done at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, this twenty-first day of September in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the ninth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-W
PRESCRIBING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
OF THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES
DURING THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT.

WHEREAS the exigencies of the present emergency require the presence of the President of the Philippines outside the continental United States, the temporary seat of the Commonwealth Government; and

WHEREAS it is necessary that during his absence and until the seat of the Commonwealth Government is reestablished in the Philippines and normal constitutional processes of government are fully restored, the functions of said Commonwealth Government in the United States should continue to be performed with regularity and dispatch;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sergio Osmeña, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and pursuant to the provisions of the Emergency Powers Law, do hereby prescribe and promulgate the following instructions for the conduct of public affairs of the Commonwealth Government in the United States during my absence from this country, any provisions of existing law to the contrary notwithstanding:

1. The Secretary of Finance shall be the representative of the President of the Philippines, and, as such, he shall be charged with the conduct of public affairs of the Commonwealth Government in the United States, with full authority to act on all matters which pertain to, or affect said Government. This authority shall include not only the general administrative supervision, direction and control of the departments and offices of said Government in the United States, but also the specific authority to appoint and remove any employee of the Commonwealth Government in the United States; to reduce, increase, redistribute or discontinue the activities of any department, office, or employee of said Government; and, where necessary for the proper discharge of authorized functions and activities, to employ technical, expert and other personnel by contract or otherwise and to fix their compensation.

2. The Secretary of Finance as representative of the President of the Philippines is hereby vested with full authority to confer with the proper officials of the federal, state and local governments, their various departments, offices, agencies and instrumentalities, on matters affecting the Commonwealth Government, and to decide and act upon such matters for and in behalf of the Commonwealth Government. On important matters where a change of established policy is deemed necessary or, where in his opinion, it is advisable to do so, the Secretary of Finance shall consult the President of the Philippines, through appropriate communication facilities, before taking action.

3. The Secretary of Finance is also hereby authorized to represent the Commonwealth of the Philippines in international organizations and conferences to which the Commonwealth may be invited, and to designate such delegates or members as may be necessary. He shall make a report to the President of the Philippines of the results of such conferences.

4. All papers which, in the usual course of business, are ordinarily signed by the President, shall be signed by the Secretary of Finance, "By authority of the President."

Done at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, this twenty-seventh day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the ninth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21
DECLARING TO BE ON ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE PHILIPPINE ARMY
ALL PERSONS NOW ACTIVELY SERVING IN RECOGNIZED MILITARY
FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, many civilians residing in the Philippines of Filipino, American and other foreign citizenships, and Officers and Enlisted Men of the Philippine Army, of the armed forces of the United States and of Allied nations, have continued armed resistance against the Imperial Japanese Government since the sixth of May 1942;

WHEREAS, this action has written in blood an epic of courage, devotion and loyalty to the Government and the people of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, these military forces have contributed in a large measure to the Allied military effort and to the liberation of the Filipino people from the yoke of the Japanese invader;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Government of the Philippines to recognize this allegiance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Emergency Powers Law, Section 22 a and Section 27 of Commonwealth Act Numbered One notwithstanding, do hereby ordain and promulgate the following:

1. All persons, of any nationality or citizenship, who are actively serving in recognized military forces in the Philippines, are hereby considered to be on active service in the Philippine Army.
2. The temporary grades of Enlisted Men, enlisted or promoted in the field by Commanders of recognized military forces or by their delegated authority, are hereby confirmed.
3. The temporary ranks of all officers, appointed or promoted in the field prior to this date by Commanders of recognized military forces, are hereby confirmed.
4. The date of entry into active service in the Philippine Army will be that of joining a recognized military force.
5. The effective date of rank for commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men will be the date on which they were appointed or promoted to such rank by the Commanders of recognized military forces.
6. A recognized military force, as used herein, is defined as a force under a commander who has been appointed, designated or recognized by the Commander-in-Chief Southwest Pacific Area.

Done at the seat of Government in the Field, this 28th day of October, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the ninth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **ARTURO B. ROTOR**
Secretary to the President

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22
FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN
OF THE PHILIPPINE ARMY

Pursuant to the provisions of Section No. 90 of the National Defense Act and of the Emergency Powers Law, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby prescribe the following schedule of salary rates and quarters allowances for officers and enlisted men of the Philippine Army, effective on dates as indicated herein, and extending for the duration of the war and for six months thereafter unless sooner terminated by competent authority.

OFFICERS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Annual Pay</u>	<u>Monthly Quarters Allowance</u>
Major General	₱16,000	₱200
Brigadier General	12,000	200
Colonel	8,000	200
Lieutenant Colonel	7,000	200
Major	6,000	160
Captain	4,800	140
First Lieutenant	4,000	100
Second Lieutenant	3,000	80
Third Lieutenant	2,400	60

ENLISTED MEN

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Monthly Pay</u>
Master Sergeant	₱276
First Sergeant	276
Technical Sergeant	228
Staff Sergeant	192
Sergeant	156
Corporal	132
Private First Class	108
Private	100

The rates of pay and allowances prescribed herein shall become effective for officers and enlisted men of any unit upon the date on which the unit is returned to or constituted under organized military control, and for any individual officer or enlisted man upon the date on which he reports to a unit under organized military control after having been called or recalled to active duty or after having been enlisted for such a unit. A unit shall be considered as being returned to our constituted under organized military control on the date of announcement thereof is made by the Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area.

No increase of pay or allowances shall accrue because of foreign service.

During the period that the rates of pay herein prescribed are effective, there shall not be paid to any person an increase of pay or allowances by reason of length of service.

During the period that the rates of pay herein prescribed are effective, there shall not be paid to any person an increase of pay for duty requiring regular and frequent aerial flights.

Any provisions of existing Executive Orders in conflict herewith are hereby superseded.

Done at the seat of Government in the Field, this 28th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the Ninth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **ARTURO B. ROTOR**
Secretary to the President

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 23

**CREATING A BOARD OF INQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES OF DISLOYALTY
TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND CONSIDER THE LEGAL PROBLEMS AND MATTERS OF
PUBLIC POLICY INVOLVED THEREIN**

WHEREAS, it has come to my attention that some persons are now being detained in the Provincial Jail of the Province of Leyte on suspicion of having committed acts of disloyalty to the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the United State of America which constitute a violation of the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the interest of justice requires that those persons under detention for alleged violations of the law of the Commonwealth of the Philippines be promptly brought before the proper court of justice for trial;

WHEREAS, the unification of our people, the overwhelming majority of whom have been steadfastly loyal, for the purposes of restoring the normal processes of our political and economic life and promptly establishing the Republic of the Philippines upon indestructible foundations is a paramount national need in this hour of our liberation;

WHEREAS, for the purpose of strengthening the national unity, the legal problems and matters of policy involved in the investigation and disposition of the cases of citizens who may be accused of disloyalty during the Japanese occupation should be thoroughly studied in order that a basic policy may be established for dealing with such cases in accordance with law and with an understanding of the conditions which existed during the prolonged period of enemy occupation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, do hereby create a Board of Inquiry, composed of a chairman and four members to be appointed by the President, to investigate charges of disloyalty in the Province of Leyte and consider the legal problems and matters of public policy involved therein.

1. The duties and functions of this Board will be:

a. To ascertain upon what authority and what specific charges certain persons are now being detained in the Provincial Jail of the Province of Leyte on suspicion of having committed acts of disloyalty to the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the United States of America which constitute a violation of the laws of the Commonwealth.

b. To investigate the validity of such charges as to the law and the facts involved.

c. To allow such persons the right to be present at such investigations, to be heard by themselves or by counsel, and to present witnesses on their behalf. Hearings of the Board shall be open to the public.

d. Upon the termination of its labors, to submit to the President a report, and in its discretion to submit current reports, of its findings and conclusions, and at frequent intervals to recommend to him such action as may be deemed just and proper in each particular case that has been heard.

2. The Board of Inquiry will prepare such rules and regulations for its operation as may be necessary. It is hereby authorized to direct the appearance of witnesses with or without documents, administer oaths, and take testimony relevant to its investigation. It is also authorized to call upon any office, official or employee of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, for any necessary assistance in carrying out its functions and, with the approval of the corresponding Head of Department, such assistance shall be given.

3. The chairman and members of this Board will receive compensation in the form of per diem at the rate of ten pesos (P10.00) a day for each day of services actually rendered, except those who are already employed by the Commonwealth of the Philippines who shall serve without additional compensation. Within the limit of such funds as may be set aside or appropriated for the purpose, the Board may employ the necessary personnel and make provisions for equipment, supplies, materials, travel and other services.

4. Inasmuch as justice requires and the Constitution of the Commonwealth prescribes that in all criminal prosecutions the accused shall have a speedy trial, the Board is enjoined to execute its functions with the greatest dispatch compatible with safeguarding the rights of the accused and the interests of the State. Records of proceedings will be as brief as possible and need not be verbatim. In the taking of evidence only that testimony will be of record which is deemed essential by the Board.

Done at the seat of Government in the Field, this 2nd day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the ninth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **ARTURO B. ROTOR**
Secretary to the President

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 371 OF OCTOBER 2, 1941, FIXING THE MAXIMUM SELLING PRICES OF CERTAIN ARTICLES OF PRIME NECESSITY, AND PROMULGATING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF.

WHEREAS, in view of the shortage of food, other articles of prime necessity, and services caused by the war, it is essential to the welfare of the people that the fixing of the maximum selling prices of such articles as promulgated on October 2, 1941, be continued with such modifications as circumstances may require;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Philippines, do hereby prescribe and promulgate the following schedule of maximum prices in the Province of Leyte:

MAXIMUM SELLING PRICES

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PRICE PAID BY WHOLESALE</u>	<u>PRICE PAID BY RETAILER</u>	<u>PRICE PAID BY CONSUMERS</u>
1. RICE-ELON	cavan	₱7.20	₱7.30	
	ganta			.32
	litro			.11
2. RICE NATIVE UNHUSKED (PALAY)	cavan	3.00		
3. CORN-MILLED	cavan	4.45	4.60	
	ganta			.21
	litro			.07
4. CORN-GRAIN	cavan	3.62	3.73	
	ganta			.18
	litro			.06
5. WHEAT-FLOUR-AMERICAN OR AUSTRALIAN	49-lb sack	3.01	3.10	
	kilo			.15
6. VEGETABLE LARD	kilo	.32	.33	.35
7. CORN BEEF, CANNED	12 oz tin (case 48)	15.50	15.98	
	12 oz tin			.35
8. SARDINES, CANNED	15 oz tin (case 48)	6.91	7.15	
	15 oz tin			.16
9. SUGAR, BROWN REFINED	picul (63.25 kilo)	8.34	8.60	
	kilo			.14
10. SALT	ganta	.08	.09	.10
	kilo			.05

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PRICE PAID BY WHOLESALE</u>	<u>PRICE PAID BY RETAILER</u>	<u>PRICE PAID BY CONSUMERS</u>
11. MILK-CONDENSED	case 48 cans (14 oz)	13.38	13.79	
	14 oz can			.30
12. MILK EVAPORATED	case 48 cans (14 oz)	7.58	7.73	
	14 oz can			.17
13. VIENNA SAUSAGE, CANNED	case 48 cans (4 oz)	6.88	7.09	
	4 oz can			.16
14. PORK AND BEANS, CANNED	case 48 cans (16 oz)	4.05	4.18	
	16 oz can			.09
15. PORK	kilo			.40
16. BEEF	kilo			.60
17. CARABAO MEAT	kilo			.45
18. FISH (FRESH):				
First class	kilo			.40
Second class	"			.30
Third class	"			.20
Fourth class	"			.10
19. FISH (DRIED):				
First class	kilo			.80
Second class	"			.60
Third class	"			.40
Fourth class	"			.20
20. FISH (SALTED BUT NOT DRIED):				
First class	kilo			.60
Second class	"			.45
Third class	"			.30
Fourth class	"			.15
21. FISH; SALTED, SMALL, such as Ginamos, Bolinaw, Bagon, etc.	Petroleum can (5 gal) (See Appendix Page 4)			5.00
22. EGGS	Dozen			.36
23. VEGETABLES:				
Camotes	1 Petroleum can (5 gal.)			.50
Hantao	Small bundle			.01
Patola	For each 3			.10
Upo	Each			.10
Ceguedilla	Bundle			.01
Tancong	"			.01
Tomatoes	For each 2			.01
Holabtog	For each 5			.01
Gabi	Each			.05
24. CHICKENS	Each depending on size			.25 to 1.20
25. BANANAS	Each			.01
26. SOAP:				
Large size bars (approx. 1 kilo)	Each			.30

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PRICE PAID BY WHOLESALE</u>	<u>PRICE PAID BY RETAILER</u>	<u>PRICE PAID BY CONSUMERS</u>
Small size bars (approx. 1/2 kilo)	Each			.16
27. LAUNDRY:				
Pants	Each (pair)			.15
Slacks	Each			.15
Shirt	"			.15
Drawers	"			.05
Under shirt	"			.05
Towel	"			.05
Wash cloth	"			.02
Handkerchief	"			.02
Sox	" (pair)			.02
Sheet	"			.15
Pillow case	"			.05
Mattress cover	"			.20
Denims per suit	"			.25
Cap	"			.05
Minimum charge				.50
28. HAIRCUT				.50
29. SHAVE				.20

The maximum selling prices herein fixed will supersede the prices provided for in Executive Order No. 371.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall sell any article included in the above schedule at prices in excess of the maximum selling prices herein fixed shall be punished as provided in Section 3 of Commonwealth Act Numbered Six hundred as amended.

Done in the seat of Government in the field, this 6th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the ninth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **ARTURO B. ROTOR**
Secretary to the President

Reference: **Appendix to Executive Order No. 24**

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1944). [Executive Order Nos.: 1W - 109]. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25

PROMULGATING RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING CURRENCY, BOOKS AND
ACCOUNTS OF BANKS AND THEIR BRANCHES AND AGENCIES IN THE PROVINCES,
PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL TREASURIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT
ACCOUNTABLE OFFICERS AND DEBT MORATORIUM

WHEREAS, it is essential that the financial and monetary structure of the Commonwealth of the Philippines be maintained on a sound basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, do hereby promulgate the following rules and regulations concerning currency, books and accounts and debt moratorium for all areas free from enemy occupation and control throughout the Philippines.

I. CURRENCY

1. The new Victory Series of Philippine Treasury Certificates (Victory Pesos) and the Philippine coins identical to pre-war issues now in circulation will be legal tender.

2. All pre-war Philippine Treasury Certificates and coins will continue to be legal tender and may be exchanged at par for the Victory Pesos if so desired by the holders.

3. The rate of exchange will be two Victory Pesos for one United States dollar. Transactions at any other rate are prohibited.

4. For each province liberated from the enemy, an Emergency Currency Committee will be appointed by the United States Army and the Commonwealth Government to study, investigate and report on the bona-fide emergency currencies issued by duly authorized currency boards. The Committee will ascertain the extent of the authority given to such boards, the amount of emergency currency actually printed and issued, and will recommend as soon as possible the redemption of the currencies found to be legally issued. In case it is found out that in a given province more emergency currencies were in circulation than the amount actually authorized to be issued, the Committee will recommend what action shall be taken: Provided, however, that counterfeit emergency currencies will not be redeemed.

5. The printing and issuance of additional emergency currencies are hereby prohibited.

6. Japanese currency, Philippine National Bank Notes (except duly authorized emergency issues), Notes of the Bank of the Philippine Islands, New Central Bank Notes and unauthorized emergency currencies are not legal tender. Transactions in these currencies are prohibited.

II. BANKS, TREASURIES AND OTHER ACCOUNTABLE OFFICERS

1. The books of banks, their branches and agencies in the provinces, provincial, city and municipal treasuries and other government accountable officers will be sealed forthwith and existing accounts frozen, as of the date the province, city, or municipality is liberated from enemy occupation and control, pending further action by the Government. All books, accounts and previous records as closed shall become inactive, filed and preserved for reference and other purposes as may be required.

2. Provincial and municipal treasurers and other accountable officials will open new books of account as soon as their respective offices are duly reconstituted, observing strictly the existing accounting laws, rules and regulations pertaining to accounts and accounting system of the Commonwealth of the Philippines.

3. Provincial treasurers will accept for safekeeping new savings deposits in pre-war Philippine Treasury Certificates and Victory Pesos. Withdrawals in cash only of not less than one peso may be made from each savings account upon presentation of the deposit book. No interest will accrue on such deposit. In addition to opening new savings accounts, provincial treasuries will provide facilities for exchanging United States dollars for Victory Pesos.

III. DEBT MORATORIUM

1. Payment of all debts and other monetary obligation contracted after December 31, 1941, except debts and other monetary obligations entered into in any area after declaration by Executive Order that such area has been freed from enemy occupation and control, is temporarily suspended pending action by the Commonwealth Government.

Done at the Seat of Government in the Field, this 18th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **ARTURO B. ROTOR**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1944). *[Executive Order Nos.: 1W - 109]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBERED TWENTY-FOUR ENTITLED
“AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 371 OF OCTOBER 2, 1941, FIXING THE MAXIMUM
SELLING PRICES OF CERTAIN ARTICLES OF PRIME NECESSITY AND PROMULGATING
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF.”

In order that cases of violation of the ceiling prices set forth in Executive Order No. 24 of November 6, 1944 could be handled by Justice of the Peace courts, the paragraph prescribing penalties for said cases of violation should be amended to read as follows:

“Any person, firm or corporation who shall sell any article included in the above schedule at prices in excess of the maximum selling prices herein fixed shall be subject to imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or a fine of not more than two hundred (P200.00) pesos or both.”

Done in the Seat of Government in the Field, this 21st day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **ARTURO B. ROTOR**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1944). *[Executive Order Nos.: 1W - 109]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 27
REORGANIZING THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS
OF THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the seat of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines is now reestablished in the city of Manila and it is necessary that the executive departments as they existed before the Japanese invasion be restored with such modifications as the exigencies of the present situation require; now

THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, do hereby ordain and promulgate the following:

SECTION 1. There shall be nine executive departments, to wit: The Department of the Interior, the Department of Finance, the Department of Justice, the Department of Agriculture and Commerce, the Department of Public Works and Communications, the Department of Instruction and Information, the Department of Labor, the Department of National Defense, and the Department of Health and Public Welfare, which shall be under the direct control of the respective secretaries of department, exercising their functions subject to the general supervision and control of the President of the Philippines.

SEC. 2. The Department of the Interior shall perform its functions under the executive authority of the Secretary of the Interior; the Department of Finance shall perform its functions under the executive authority of the Secretary of Finance; the Department of Justice shall perform its functions under the executive authority of the Secretary of Justice; the Department of Agriculture and Commerce shall perform its functions under the executive authority of the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce; the Department of Public Works and Communications shall perform its functions under the executive authority of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications; the Department of Instruction and Information shall perform its functions under the executive authority of the Secretary of Instruction and Information; the Department of Labor shall perform its functions under the executive authority of the Secretary of Labor; the Department of National Defense shall perform its functions under the executive authority of the Secretary of National Defense; and the Department of Health and Public Welfare shall perform its functions under the executive authority of the Secretary of Health and Public Welfare.

SEC. 3. The Department of Information and Public Relations, created under Executive Order No. 8-W, series of 1943, is hereby abolished and, subject to the approval of the President and if the needs of the service so require, officials and employees of this department may be transferred either to the Department of Instruction and Information in the Philippines or the Division of Information which may be created in the Office of the Resident Commissioner of the Philippines to the United States.

SEC. 4. The provisions of Executive Order No. 15-W, series of 1944, and of any other executive order inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 27th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). [Executive Order Nos.: 1W - 109]. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 28

FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24, DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1944, ENTITLED
“AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 371 OF OCTOBER 2, 1941, FIXING THE MAXIMUM
SELLING PRICES OF CERTAIN ARTICLES OF PRIME NECESSITY, AND PROMULGATING
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF.”

In order to extend the benefits of Executive Order No. 24, dated November 6, 1944, entitled “Amending Executive Order No. 371 of October 2, 1941, fixing the maximum selling prices of certain articles of prime necessity, and promulgating rules and regulations for the enforcement thereof,” to the inhabitants of the City of Manila and other areas liberated from enemy occupation and control, the same is hereby amended to make the provisions thereof applicable to the City of Manila and other areas effective progressively upon their liberation from enemy occupation and control.

Done in the City of Manila, this 28th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). [Executive Order Nos.: 1W - 109]. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 29

AMENDING PARAGRAPH ONE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 382, DATED DECEMBER 15, 1941, ENTITLED “AUTHORIZING THE COMMANDEERING OF FOOD, FUEL, BUILDING MATERIALS, AND OTHER ARTICLES OR COMMODITIES OF PRIME NECESSITY, PROHIBITING AND PENALIZING THE HOARDING THEREOF, AND PROVIDING FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF ALL ANTIPROFITEERING ORDERS.”

Paragraph one of Executive Order numbered three hundred and eighty-two, dated December fifteen, nineteen hundred and forty-one, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(1) The Emergency Control Administrator may, at any time, order the commandeering of all food, fuel, building materials, and other articles or commodities of prime necessity for the purpose of preventing, locally or generally, scarcity, hoarding and injurious speculation affecting the supply, distribution and movement of such articles or commodities. Any and all commodities so commandeered shall be by him sold, distributed, or otherwise disposed of to the public through such persons, natural or juridical, agencies or instrumentalities, official or otherwise, as in his judgment may serve the best interests of the consuming public. The Emergency Control Administrator shall issue the necessary rules and orders for the purpose of enforcing all anti-profiteering laws and orders and of effecting the payment of the goods so commandeered, and the sale, distribution, or disposal thereof to the public.

Done in Manila this 7th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, 1945, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). [Executive Order Nos.: 1W - 109]. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 30
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES AS REESTABLISHED,
FOR A PORTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH,
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE.

WHEREAS, the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines has been reestablished on Philippine soil; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the expenses for the operation of said Government be made in accordance with a regular budget of expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and pursuant to the provisions of the existing laws, do hereby ordain that:

1. So much of the different amounts authorized in Commonwealth Act No. 654, known as the "General Appropriation Act for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and forty-two," enacted by the National Assembly and approved on June 21, 1941, as may correspond to the period starting from the date of the reestablishment of the Government of the Commonwealth on Philippine soil on October 23, 1944 to June 30, 1945, is hereby appropriated out of any funds of the Commonwealth Government not otherwise appropriated for the operation of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines.

2. For the purpose of effecting savings from the appropriations authorized in the next preceding paragraph, each head of department shall immediately submit to the President a special budget which shall include the plantilla of personnel and such amounts for sundry expenses, furniture and equipment, etc., as may be considered absolutely indispensable for the reestablishment and operation of his department and the bureaus and offices under it up to June 30, 1945, inclusive.

3. No new position shall be created unless the salary thereof can be covered from savings effected from the appropriations for salaries and wages of the department concerned, and such position shall not be filled without the previous approval of the President.

4. The provisions of sections two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, and ten of Commonwealth Act No. 654, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order, are hereby continued in force.

Done at the City of Manila, this 8th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). [*Executive Order Nos.: 1W - 109*]. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 31
PRESCRIBING THE OFFICE HOURS TO BE OBSERVED IN THE DIFFERENT BUREAUS
AND OFFICES OF THE GOVERNMENT

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 562 of the Revised Administrative Code, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby prescribe, in accordance with the existing emergency, that the office hours of all bureaus and offices shall be from eight o'clock to twelve o'clock in the morning, and from one o'clock to four o'clock in the afternoon (Daylight Saving Time) on week-days including Saturdays: Provided, that, when the interests of the public service so require, the head of any Department, Bureau, or Office may extend the daily hours of labor for any or all of the employees under him, and may likewise require any or all of them to do overtime work not only on work days but also on holidays.

This Order repeals Executive Order No. 384, dated December 16, 1941, and shall take effect as of March 6, 1945.

Done at the City of Manila, this 8th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). [Executive Order Nos.: 1W - 109]. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 32

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25 PROMULGATING RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING CURRENCY, BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS OF BANKS AND THEIR BRANCHES AND AGENCIES IN THE PROVINCES, PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL TREASURIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE OFFICES AND DEBT MORATORIUM.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Philippines, I, SERGIO OSMENA, President of the Philippines, do hereby amend Title III, Debt Moratorium, of Executive Order No. 25, dated November 18, 1944, to read as follows:

III. DEBT MORATORIUM

1. Enforcement of payment of all debts and other monetary obligations payable within the Philippines, except debts and other monetary obligations entered into in any area after declaration by Presidential Proclamation that such area has been freed from enemy occupation and control, is temporarily suspended pending action by the Commonwealth Government.

Done at the City of Manila, this 10th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). [Executive Order Nos.: 1W - 109]. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 33
CREATING THE BANKING DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL TREASURY,
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, by virtue of Executive Order No. 25, dated November 18, 1944, the books of all banks, their branches and agencies were ordered sealed and existing accounts blocked as of the date of liberation from enemy occupation and control of the places where they are located; and

WHEREAS, until normal banking facilities can be reestablished, it is essential that the Commonwealth Government provide a safe banking depositary for the savings of the people, and provide for temporary banking and loan facilities during the emergency period, so that agricultural, industrial and commercial activities may be assisted;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, do hereby create a Banking Division of the National Treasury, which is empowered to exercise banking functions within all areas free from enemy occupation and control throughout the Philippines, as follows:

1. To accept deposits; to grant loans; and to engage in exchange and other banking operations, in accordance with the General Authority and Regulations attached hereto and made part of this Executive Order.

2. (a) The Division hereby created shall be under the direction of an administrator designated as the Chief of the Banking Division of the National Treasury, who will be appointed by the President.

(b) The loaning operations of this Division will be under the supervision of a Loan Committee of three persons, consisting of a Chairman and two Members, all of whom will be appointed by the President.

(c) Separate books of account shall be maintained, and the funds of the Banking Division shall not be commingled with the general funds of the National Treasury.

(d) For reasons of economy and efficiency, the Banking Division is hereby authorized to employ available personnel, and to utilize existing premises, equipment and supplies of the Philippine National Bank, the Agricultural and Industrial Bank, and of provincial and municipal treasurers, where practicable.

(e) The Banking Division of the National Treasury is hereby granted all the authority requisite and necessary to provide the Philippines with temporary banking and loan facilities during the emergency period.

3. The sum of Thirty Million Pesos is hereby allocated from the Coconut Oil Excise Tax Fund, to provide the initial working fund of the Banking Division of the National Treasury hereby created.

4. (a) The provincial treasurers, when so instructed by the Chief of the Banking Division of the National Treasury, shall cease to accept savings deposits for safekeeping, as provided under Executive Order No. 25, and all funds on hand are to be transferred by the provincial treasurers to the Banking Division.

(b) When normal banking has been restored, the Commonwealth Government, either by legislative act or executive order, will transfer the assets and liabilities of the Banking Division hereby created, to a government-owned banking institution, after giving notice to depositors. Free working funds then remaining shall be released to the National Treasury.

Done at the City of Manila this 10th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**

Secretary to the President

Reference: General Authority and Regulations for Operation of the Banking Division of the National Treasury, promulgated under Executive Order No. 33 of March 10, 1945.

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). [Executive Order Nos.: 1W - 109]. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 34
AMENDING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR VEHICLES

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable to change the existing regulations providing for the driving of vehicles on the left side of the road so that the vehicle traffic in the Philippines shall conform with the practice of driving on the right side of the road obtaining in most countries of the world;

WHEREAS, such a change would bring about certain economic advantages to the people of the Philippines in that it would reduce the price of motor vehicles imported into the Philippines from the United States;

WHEREAS, during the present emergency the great majority of the motor vehicles of the United States Army used on the roadways in the Philippines are right-hand driven and the drivers thereof are accustomed to driving on the right side of the road; and

WHEREAS, the present affords the most propitious opportunity to effect this desired change;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, particularly Commonwealth Act No. 671, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, do hereby order:

1. That Section 60 of the Revised Motor Vehicle Law, Act No. 3992, be amended, as it is hereby amended, to read as follows:

“Sec. 60. DRIVE ON RIGHT SIDE OF ROAD. - Unless a different course of action is required in the interest of the safety and security of life, person, or property, or because of unreasonable difficulty of operation in compliance herewith, every person operating a motor vehicle or guiding an animal drawn vehicle on a highway shall pass to the right when meeting persons or vehicles coming toward him, and to the left when overtaking persons or vehicles going the same direction, and, when turning to the left in going from one highway into another, every vehicle shall be conducted to the right of the center of the intersection of the highway”.

2. That all other sections or parts of the said Revised Motor Vehicle Law and amendments thereof shall be considered as amended or modified as they are hereby amended or modified accordingly so as to conform with the provisions of the Executive Order; and all other provisions of law inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Executive Order shall be considered repealed as they are hereby repealed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 10th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). [Executive Order Nos.: 1W - 109]. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 35

AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY CONTROL ADMINISTRATOR AND THE OFFICERS AND AGENTS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY HIM TO ADMINISTER OATH IN RELATION TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF ALL ANTI-PROFITEERING LAWS AND ORDERS.

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, particularly Commonwealth Act No. 671, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby empower and authorize to administer oath the Emergency Control Administrator and the officials or agents charged with the enforcement of anti-profiteering laws and orders who may be so specifically authorized by the said Emergency Control Administrator.

Done at the City of Manila, this 10th day of March in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). [Executive Order Nos.: 1W - 109]. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 36

REVIVING THE REGROUPING OF PROVINCES FOR JUDICIAL PURPOSES AS PROVIDED IN
ACT NO. 4007 OF THE PHILIPPINE LEGISLATURE AND REPEALING COMMONWEALTH
ACT NO. 544 WHICH CREATES POSITIONS OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

WHEREAS, it is the prime concern of the Government to reestablish the Courts as fast as provinces are liberated from the Japanese occupation;

WHEREAS, the grouping of the provinces for judicial purposes under Act No. 4007 of the Philippine Legislature, creating twenty-six (26) judicial districts, will better serve such purpose than the regrouping of the provinces into only nine (9) judicial districts under Commonwealth Act No. 145, as amended by Commonwealth Acts Nos. 348, 545 and 661;

WHEREAS, it is expected that the number of cases to be filed with the Courts at this time will not require the number of judges as provided in Commonwealth Act No. 145, as amended by Commonwealth Acts Nos. 348, 545, and 661, and that the number of judges provided in Act No. 4007 of the Philippine Legislature will be sufficient;

WHEREAS, the present conditions do not require and justify the maintenance of the positions of district attorneys;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, particularly Commonwealth Act No. 671, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, do hereby order:

1. Sections 2 and 4 of Commonwealth Act No. 145, Section 1 of Commonwealth Act No. 348, Sections 1 and 2 of Commonwealth Act No. 545 and Commonwealth Acts Nos. 544 and 661 are hereby repealed.

2. Sections 153, 154, 155, 156, 157 and 161 of the Revised Administrative Code, as amended by Act No. 4007 of the Philippine Legislature, are hereby revived and shall have full force and effect from the date of this Order.

3. All acts or parts of acts which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 10th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). [Executive Order Nos.: 1W - 109]. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 37
ABOLISHING THE COURT OF APPEALS

WHEREAS, during the present emergency, it is necessary in the interest of a more speedy administration of Justice that the Court of Appeals be abolished in order that cases heretofore appealable thereto may be appealed directly to the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the limited financial resources of the Commonwealth Government demand that its expenses during the present emergency be reduced to the minimum;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, particularly Commonwealth Act No. 671, do hereby order:

(1) That the Court of Appeals, created and established under Commonwealth Act No. 3, as amended, be abolished, as it is hereby abolished;

(2) That all cases which have heretofore been duly appealed to the Court of Appeals shall be transmitted to the Supreme Court for final decision;

(3) That from the date of this Order all cases which under the law are appealable to the Court of Appeals shall be appealable to the Supreme Court, which is hereby granted the jurisdiction to finally decide the same; and

(4) All provisions of law in conflict with or contrary to this Order are hereby repealed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 10th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**

Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). [Executive Order Nos.: 1W - 109]. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 38
AMENDING SECTION 1659 OF THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
AS AMENDED BY SECTION 1 OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 543

WHEREAS, in the interest of a more simple and economical administration of justice, it is deemed advisable to reduce the number of officials of the Bureau of Justice as provided in Section 1659 of the Revised Administrative Code as amended by Section 1 of Commonwealth Act No. 543, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Philippines, particularly Commonwealth Act No. 671, do hereby order that Section 1659 of the Revised Administrative Code as amended by Section 1 of Commonwealth Act No. 543 be amended, as it is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:

“Sec. 1659. Chief Officials of the Bureau of Justice. - The Bureau of Justice shall have one Chief to be known as the Solicitor General whose salary shall be the same as that of a district judge of first instance. He shall be assisted by one Assistant Solicitor General whose salary shall be the same as that of a judge-at-large of first instance. When the Solicitor General is unable to perform his duties or in case of a vacancy in the office, the Assistant Solicitor General shall temporarily perform the functions of said office, or in his absence, the Secretary of Justice may designate the acting chief of the office. There shall also be such number of solicitors as may from time to time be available under current appropriations and as the conditions of the service shall require.

“The qualifications for appointment to the position of Solicitor General and Assistant Solicitor General shall be the same as those prescribed for judges of Courts of First Instance, and those for the solicitors shall be the same as those prescribed for provincial fiscals.”

Done at the City of Manila, this 10th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 39
APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE MILLION PESOS FOR CIVILIAN DEFENSE.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

1. That the sum of one million pesos be appropriated, as it is hereby appropriated, out of any fund in the Philippine Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by the Emergency Control Administrator, subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines, to carry out the purposes of Executive Order No. 382, series of 1941, as amended by Executive Order No. 29, current series.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done at the City of Manila, this tenth day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 40
AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
ON THE JUDICIARY, BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF JUSTICES
OF THE SUPREME COURT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Court of Appeals was abolished by Executive Order No. 37, current series;

WHEREAS, by such abolition of the Court of Appeals all cases which have theretofore been duly appealed thereto shall be transmitted to the Supreme Court for final decision, and all cases which under the law are appealable to the Court of Appeals shall be appealed to the Supreme Court, which is granted the jurisdiction to finally decide the same;

WHEREAS, such enlarged jurisdiction of the Supreme Court requires the increase of the number of Justices thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, particularly Commonwealth Act No. 671, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

1. That sections 133 and 134 of the Revised Administrative Code, as amended by section 2 of Commonwealth Act No. 3 and sections 1 and 2 of Commonwealth Act No. 259, be further amended so as to read as follows:

“SEC. 133. Justices of the Supreme Court; quorum of the Court; number of Justices necessary to reach a decision.—The Supreme Court of the Philippines shall consist of a Chief Justice and ten Associate Justices, any eight of whom shall constitute a quorum for its sessions in banc. In the absence of a quorum, the Court shall stand ipso facto adjourned until such time as the requisite number shall be present, and a memorandum showing this fact shall be inserted by the clerk in the minutes of the Court.

“The Supreme Court shall, as a body, sit in banc, but it may sit in two divisions, one of six and another of five Justices, to transact business, and the two divisions may sit at the same time.

“Whenever the constitutionality of a law or a treaty is involved, the case shall be heard and determined by the Court sitting in banc, and no law or treaty may be declared unconstitutional without the concurrence of at least eight Justices. When the necessary majority, as herein provided, to declare a law or a treaty unconstitutional cannot be had, the Court shall so declare, and in such case the validity or constitutionality of the law or treaty involved shall be deemed upheld.

“Whenever the judgment of the lower court imposes the death penalty, the case shall likewise be heard and determined by the Court sitting in banc, and the concurrence of all of the Justices present in the Philippines, not disqualified or physically incapacitated, shall be necessary for the pronouncement of a judgment imposing the death penalty. When the Court fails to reach a unanimous decision as herein provided, the penalty next lower in degree than the death penalty shall be imposed.

“All of the cases of the Court that are not required to be heard and determined by the Court in banc shall be allotted between the two divisions thereof for trial and decision, and the concurrence of five members of the division shall be necessary for the pronouncement of a judgment. Whenever a division fails to reach a decision in a case submitted to it, or whenever such division shall so order, or whenever the Chief Justice, in the exercise of a sound discretion, so orders, or whenever the admiralty jurisdiction of the Court is involved, the case shall be heard and determined by the Court sitting in banc, the affirmative vote of a majority of at least six Justices being necessary for the pronouncement of a judgment.

“The Court sitting in banc shall, from time to time, make proper orders or rules to govern the allotment of cases between the two divisions, the constitution of such divisions, the regular rotation of Justices between them, the filling of vacancies occurring therein, and other matters relating to the business of the Court. If the Chief Justice is present in any session of the Court sitting in banc or in division, he shall preside. In his absence, that one of the Justices attending in banc or in division shall preside who holds the senior commission.

“SEC. 133-A. Place of holding sessions.—The Supreme Court shall hold its sessions in the City of Manila. Whenever the public interest so requires, it may hold its sessions in any other place within the Philippines.

“SEC. 134. Appointment of Justices of the Supreme Court.—The Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines, with the consent of the Commission on Appointments of the Congress of the Philippines. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall be so designated in his commission; and the Associate Justices shall have precedence according to the dates of their respective commissions, or, when the commissions of two or more of them bear the same date, according to the order in which their commissions may have been issued by the President of the Philippines.

“SEC. 134-A. Vacancy in office of Chief Justice.—In case of a vacancy in the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or of his inability to perform the duties and powers of his office, they shall devolve upon the Associate Justice who is first in precedence, until such disability is removed, or another Chief Justice is appointed and duly qualified. This provision shall apply to every Associate Justice who succeeds to the office of Chief Justice.”

2. That all Acts or parts of Acts which are inconsistent with the provisions of this executive order are hereby repealed.

Done at the City of Washington, D. C., U. S. A. (for the City of Manila, Philippines), this 4th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) SERGIO OSMEÑA
President of the Philippines

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 41
AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF AND SUPERVISION OVER NOTARIES PUBLIC
IN THE CITY OF MANILA

WHEREAS, in the course of transactions effected in the City of Manila, tending to the relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of the Philippines, cases constantly arise where notarial authentication is required indispensable;

WHEREAS the power to appoint notaries public in the City of Manila resides in the Supreme Court as provided in section 232 of the Administrative Code;

WHEREAS it has not been possible to reestablish the Supreme Court to date;

WHEREAS the increasing number of said cases requiring notarial authentication in the City of Manila makes it imperative to lodge the power to appoint notaries public in one of the judges of the Court of First Instance of Manila;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, particularly Commonwealth Act No. 671, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby order that sections 232, 236, and 248 of the Administrative Code be amended, as they are hereby amended, so as to read as follows:

“SEC. 232. Appointment of notaries public.—Judges of Court of First Instance in the respective provinces may appoint as many notaries public as the public good requires, and there shall be at least one for every municipality in each province. Notaries public in the City of Manila shall be appointed by one of the judges of the Court of First Instance of Manila to be chosen by the judges of the branches of said court.”

“SEC. 236. Where oath of office to be preserved.—The oath of office of a notary public in a province shall be filed and preserved, together with the commission, in the office of the clerk of the Court of First Instance of the province. The oath of office of a notary public in the City of Manila shall be filed and preserved, with the commission, in the office of the clerk of the Court of First Instance thereof.”

“SEC. 248. Supervision of judges of first instance over notaries public.—The judge of the Court of First Instance in each judicial district shall at all times exercise supervision over the notaries public within his district and shall keep himself informed of the manner in which they perform their duties by personal inspection wherever possible, or from reports which he may require from them, or from any other available source.

“In the City of Manila such supervision shall be exercised by one of the judges of the Court of First Instance of Manila to be thereunto assigned by the judges of the branches of said court.”

Done at the City of Washington, D.C., U.S.A. (for the City of Manila, Philippines), this 11th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 42
REVOKING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 385 DATED DECEMBER 17, 1941
AND REVIVING THE PROVISIONS OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 320

WHEREAS, the provisions of Executive Order No. 385, dated December 17, 1941, transferring from the General Auditing Office to the Budget Commission the function of preparing and keeping the accounts of the various Departments, bureaus, offices, and dependencies of the National Government, including the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, the Commission on Elections, and the University of the Philippines, as well as the function of acting upon requisitions for supplies, materials, and equipment, and of operating the Salvage Warehouse, have not actually been carried out;

WHEREAS, it is advisable from the standpoint of economy and efficiency that the accounting and auditing services shall continue to remain under the General Auditing Office as provided in Commonwealth Act No. 320;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, do hereby revoke Executive Order No. 385, dated December 17, 1941.

The provisions of Commonwealth Act No. 320 are hereby revived.

Done at the City of Manila, this 26th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 43
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE ALABANG
LABORATORIES FOR THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 27 TO JUNE 30, 1945.

WHEREAS, whatever balance remaining in the Revolving Fund of the Alabang Laboratories created under Commonwealth Act No. 245 had disappeared or has now become worthless as a result of Japanese occupation; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed imperative to continue the activities of this institution to meet the need for vaccines and sera to prevent any possible outbreak of epidemics in the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and pursuant to the provisions of the Emergency Powers Law, do hereby order that:

1. The sum of P139,718.56, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby set aside from any fund in the Philippine Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the operation of the Alabang Laboratories as authorized in Commonwealth Act No. 245, for the period from February 27 to June 30, 1945, to be distributed as follows:

SALARIES AND WAGES

Epidemiology, Statistics and
Public Health Administration

1. One epidemiologist at ₱1,800	₱610.71
2. One biometrician at ₱1,800	610.71
3. One helper at ₱540	183.21

Sanitary Bacteriology and
Immunology

4. One scientist at ₱5,000	1,696.40
5. One bacteriologist at ₱3,600	1,221.43
6. Two scientists at ₱3,600	2,442.86
7. One assistant scientist at ₱3,000	1,017.86
8. Three junior scientists at ₱2,400	2,442.87
9. One junior scientist at ₱1,800	610.71
10. Two junior scientists at ₱1,200	814.28
11. One assistant veterinarian at ₱960	325.71
12. One assistant technician at ₱900	305.36
13. One laboratory technician at ₱720	244.29

14. One technician at ₱600	203.57
15. One technician at ₱486	164.89
16. One helper at ₱540	183.21
17. Four helpers at ₱480	651.44
18. Eighteen helpers at ₱360	2,198.52
19. Miscellaneous labor service in connection with the manufacture of vaccines and sera, analysis of foods, drugs etc. and general up-keep of the Alabang Laboratories compound	15,773.41

Power Plant

20. One plant engineer at ₱2,400	814.29
21. One assistant engineer at ₱1,200	407.14
22. One assistant engineer at ₱840	285.00
23. One machinist at ₱720	244.29
24. One machinist at ₱540	183.21
25. Three helpers at ₱420	427.50
26. One oiler at ₱480	162.86
27. One helper at ₱360	122.14

Parasitology

28. One junior scientist at ₱2,400	814.29
29. Two junior scientists at ₱1,800	1,221.42
30. Two helpers at ₱360	244.28

Sanitary Engineering,
Industrial, Physiology and Chemistry

31. One scientist at ₱4,000	1,357.13
32. One junior scientist at ₱1,800	610.71
33. Two junior scientists at ₱1,200	814.28
34. Three junior chemists at ₱720	732.87
35. Two helpers at ₱360	244.28
36. One technician at ₱720	244.29

Clerical Unit

37. One clerk and cashier at ₱1,200	407.14
38. One property clerk at ₱720	244.29
39. Two helpers at ₱420	285.00
40. One helper at ₱360	122.14
41. One artist-photographer at ₱600	203.57
Total for salaries and wages	<u>₱41,893.56</u>

SUNDRY EXPENSES

42. Traveling expenses of personnel	₱400.00
43. Freight, express, and delivery service	650.00
44. Postal, telegraph, telephone, cable and radio service	50.00
45. Illumination and power service	650.00
46. Consumption of supplies and materials	30,000.00
47. Maintenance and repair of equipment	3,000.00
48. Other services	1,000.00
Total for sundry expenses	<u>₱35,750.00</u>

FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

49. For the purchase of furniture and equipment	<u>₱32,075.00</u>
Total for furniture and equipment	<u>₱32,075.00</u>

SPECIAL PURPOSE

50. For improving the compound at Alabang	<u>₱30,000.00</u>
Total for special purpose	<u>₱30,000.00</u>
Total appropriation	<u>₱139,718.56</u>

2. Any and all receipts that may be realized from the operation of the services herein provided shall revert to the unappropriated surplus of the Philippine Treasury to reimburse the General Fund of the appropriations herein made.

Done at the City of Manila, this 26th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
 (Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 44
AMENDING ARTICLE 114 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE DEFINING
AND PUNISHING THE CRIME OF TREASON

WHEREAS, in order to safeguard the integrity of the Philippines and to preserve internal security during these times of national emergency, it is deemed necessary to curb and suppress treason both on the part of Filipinos and aliens residing in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, to enable the Commonwealth Government to prosecute resident aliens of the high crime of treason and to extend to them the full force and effect of the law, it is necessary to alter and modify Article 114 of the Revised Penal Code which in its present text excludes resident aliens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, particularly Commonwealth Act No. 600, as amended by Commonwealth Act No. 620, and Commonwealth Act No. 671, do hereby order that Article 114 of the Revised Penal Code be amended, as it is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:

“Art. 114. Treason. - Any person who, owing allegiance to the United States or the Government of the Philippine Islands, not being a foreigner, levies war against them or adheres to their enemies, giving them aid or comfort within the Philippine Islands or elsewhere, shall be punished by reclusion temporal to death, and shall pay a fine not to exceed 20,000 pesos.

No person shall be convicted of treason unless on the testimony of two witnesses at least to the same overt act or on confession of the accused in open court.

Likewise, any alien, residing in the Philippine Islands, who commits acts of treason as defined in paragraph 1 of this article shall be punished by prision mayor to death and shall pay a fine not to exceed 20,000 pesos.”

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 31st day of May, in the year of Our Lord, 1945, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the 10th.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 45
SUSPENDING THE OPERATION OF ACT NO. 4139 IN SO FAR AS SAID ACT PROVIDES
FOR THE COLLECTION OF RENTALS FOR TEXTBOOKS

WHEREAS, under Act No. 4139 the Director of Education is authorized to rent textbooks to intermediate and secondary school pupils at a rate not exceeding twenty-five per centum of the value of the books for one year or fifteen per centum of the value of the books for one semester which rate shall be fixed by the Secretary of Instruction and Information upon the recommendation of the Director of Education;

WHEREAS, under the prevailing economic conditions obtaining throughout the Philippines, many parents cannot afford to pay such rentals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, particularly Commonwealth Act No. 671, and upon recommendation of the Secretary of Instruction and Information, do hereby suspend the operation of Act No. 4139 in so far as the said Act requires the collection of rentals on textbooks for the use of intermediate and secondary school pupils, the said suspension to last for the duration of the present war against Japan and for six months thereafter.

Done at the City of Manila, Philippines, this **2nd** day of **June**, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 46

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. TWENTY-FIVE, ENTITLED “PROMULGATING RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING CURRENCY, BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS OF BANKS AND THEIR BRANCHES AND AGENCIES IN THE PROVINCES, PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL, TREASURIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE OFFICES AND DEBT MORATORIUM”.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby amend Title I, CURRENCY, paragraph 4, of Executive Order No. 25, dated November 18, 1944, to read as follows:

“4. An Emergency Currency Committee will be appointed by the President of the Philippines, to be composed of a chairman and two members, to study, investigate and report on the bona-fide emergency currencies issued by duly authorized emergency currency boards in all provinces liberated from enemy occupation and control. The Committee will ascertain the extent of the authority given to such boards, the amount of emergency currencies actually printed and issued, and will recommend as soon as possible the redemption of the currencies found to be legally issued. In case it is found out that in a given province more emergency currencies were in circulation than the amount actually authorized to be issued, the Committee will recommend what action shall be taken: Provided, however, That counterfeit emergency currencies will not be redeemed.”

Done in the City of Manila, this 6th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 47

AMENDING SECTIONS 5-a AND 5-b OF CHAPTER III OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 178,
ENTITLED “PRESCRIBING THE PROCEDURE, INCLUDING THE MODES OF PROOF,
IN CASES BEFORE COURTS-MARTIAL, COURTS OF INQUIRY, MILITARY COMMISSIONS
AND OTHER MILITARY TRIBUNALS OF THE ARMY OF THE PHILIPPINES.”

Paragraph 2 of Section 5-a of Chapter III of Executive Order No. 178, dated December 17, 1938,
is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Under the authority of A. W.-8, the commanding officer of an army, an army
corps, a division, or a separate brigade, the Provost Marshal General, and the
Superintendent of the Military Academy (except for the trial of an officer) are
hereby empowered to appoint general courts-martial.”

Paragraph 2 of Section 5-b of Chapter III of the aforesaid Executive Order is hereby amended to
read as follows:

“Under the authority of A. W.-9, the commanding officer of a military district,
a brigade, regiment, detached battalion and other detached command as well as
the commanding officers of all garrisons, forts, and camps directly under Army
Headquarters are hereby empowered to appoint special courts-martial.”

Done at the City of Manila, Philippines, this 6th day of **June**, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen
hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 48

REVISING PARAGRAPH 1, TITLE II OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25, DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1944, SO AS TO PERMIT THE REOPENING OF BANKS IN THE PHILIPPINES SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BANK COMMISSIONER

WHEREAS, it is now deemed advisable that banking institutions operating in the Philippines before the outbreak of the war be allowed to reopen upon the fulfillment of conditions designed in the interest of the public and the financial stability of the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, particularly Commonwealth Act No. 671, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

1. The provisions of Executive Order No. 25 notwithstanding (Title II, paragraph 1), all banking institutions operating in the Philippines prior to enemy occupation and desiring to reopen for the performance of all usual and normal banking functions authorized under the banking laws of the Philippines, except as otherwise prohibited, shall apply for a license therefore to the Bank Commissioner.

2. The Bank Commissioner is authorized and empowered to permit any banking institution which was doing business in the Philippines prior to enemy occupation to perform any or all of its usual banking functions, except as otherwise prohibited.

Done at the City of Manila, this 6th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 49
PROMULGATING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS
OF BANKING INSTITUTIONS DURING THE ENEMY OCCUPATION

WHEREAS, the economic and financial condition of the Philippines demands the promulgation of rules and regulations governing certain transactions of banking institutions during the Japanese occupation;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, particularly Commonwealth Act No. 671, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby ordain and promulgate the following:

SECTION 1. The term “banking institution” as used in this Executive Order shall include banks, mortgage banks, savings banks, commercial banks and trust companies.

SECTION 2. All deposits made with banking institutions during enemy occupation and all deposit liabilities incurred by banking institutions during the same period are hereby declared null and void, except as provided in this section. All withdrawals made by a depositor, including liquidation payments, during the enemy occupation from balances outstanding as of the last date prior to enemy occupation shall stand as valid, and banking institutions shall be liable only for the lowest minimum balance remaining out of such balance to the credit of a depositor on the last date prior to enemy occupation and without interest beyond December 31, 1941. The term “lowest minimum balance” shall be understood to mean the lowest level reached as of the close of any business day during the period of enemy occupation by a deposit account or, if there be more than one deposit account, by the consolidation of all deposit accounts carried under the name of one depositor in the same bank.

SECTION 3. Any provision of existing law inconsistent with this Executive Order is hereby repealed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 6th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 50
AMENDING SECTION 2466 OF THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE BY CREATING TWO
ADDITIONAL BRANCHES FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF MANILA

WHEREAS, by virtue of Executive Order No. 400 issued on January 1, 1942, the City of Greater Manila was created, comprising the City of Manila, Quezon City, and the municipalities of Caloocan, San Juan, Mandaluyong, Makati, Pasay, and Parañaque, thereby enlarging the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipal Court of Manila;

WHEREAS the number of cases cognizable by the Municipal Court of Manila has so increased that it becomes necessary to create additional branches of said court in order to cope with the volume of work;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, particularly Commonwealth Act No. 671, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

1. That section 2466 of the Revised Administrative Code be amended so as to read as follows:

“SEC. 2466. Regular and acting judges of municipal courts.—There shall be a municipal court for the City of Manila, for which six judges shall be appointed, to be known, respectively, as judge of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth branch. Whenever the public interest so requires, the Secretary of Justice may designate any of the judges to hold session at night.

“The municipal court shall have the same jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases and the same incidental powers as at present conferred by law upon the municipal court and justice of the peace court of the City of Manila, and such additional jurisdiction and powers as may hereafter be conferred upon them by law. The cases pertaining to the municipal court shall be distributed in accordance with rules to be prescribed by the Secretary of Justice.

“In case of absence, sickness or incapacity of any of the judges of the municipal court and in case of any vacancy in said offices, the Secretary of Justice may designate any solicitor of the Bureau of Justice or provincial fiscal to act as judge of the municipal court of the City of Manila, with all the powers of a regular judge of said court; but such acting judge shall not receive any additional compensation during the time he is acting as judge.”

2. That all Acts or parts of Acts which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 7th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 51

**TRANSFERRING CERTAIN POLICE AND LAW-ENFORCEMENT POWERS TO THE CHIEF
OF STAFF, ARMY OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND AUTHORIZING HIM TO ORGANIZE
A MILITARY POLICE COMMAND AND TO PRESCRIBE RULES FOR THE CONDUCT
AND ADMINISTRATION THEREOF.**

The public interest so requiring, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Commonwealth Act No. 671, entitled “An Act declaring a state of total emergency as a result of war involving the Philippines and authorizing the President to promulgate rules and regulations to meet such emergency,” do ordain and promulgate the following:

The function of preserving peace and maintaining law and order in the Philippines which heretofore devolved upon the Philippine Constabulary pursuant to the provisions of Commonwealth Act No. 343, as approved on June 23, 1938, Executive Order No. 153, dated June 23, 1938, and Executive Order No. 182, dated January 30, 1939, is hereby transferred to the Chief of Staff, Philippine Army, who shall exercise this function through a Provost Marshal General, Philippine Army, and such Military Police companies and other units, officers, and enlisted men of the Philippine Army as may be required. He shall be responsible for the organization of these Military Police units and of other officers and enlisted men of the Army of the Philippines into a Military Police Command which shall be charged with the execution of all police duties and functions heretofore pertaining to the Philippine Constabulary and those specifically assigned to him by the President. Subject to the approval of the President, he may prescribe and issue regulations for the organization, conduct and administration of the Military Police Command.

Done at the City of Manila, Philippines, this 7th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 52
APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT THOUSAND
PESOS FOR PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, important public works projects, such as the national roads and bridges in provinces and chartered cities, the government irrigation systems, and the river control works have been neglected during the enemy occupation or have deteriorated on account of war operations; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed urgent that repair and maintenance work on these public works projects, which are essential to the commercial, social, and economic welfare of the people, be immediately undertaken before the advent of the next rainy season.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and Commonwealth Act No. 671, known as the Emergency Powers Law, do hereby set aside the sum of One Million One Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Pesos or so much thereof as may be necessary out of any funds of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines not otherwise appropriated, to be allotted by the Secretary of Public Works and Communications for the maintenance and repair of national roads and bridges in provinces and chartered cities, operation and maintenance of irrigation systems, maintenance and repair of river control works, under the supervision of the Director of Public Works, as follows:

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| 1. For the maintenance and repair of national roads and bridges, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment ----- | P1,000,000.00 |
| 2. For the operation and maintenance of irrigation systems, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment ----- | 135,000.00 |
| 3. For the maintenance and repair of the Pampanga River Control Works, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment ----- | 15,000.00 |
| 4. For the maintenance and repair of the Agno River Control Works, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment ----- | <u>18,000.00</u> |
| Total ----- | P1,168,000.00 |

Done in the City of Manila, this 7th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 53
CREATING A NATIONAL BOARD OF INQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES OF
DISLOYALTY TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, for the purpose of strengthening the national unity, the legal problems and matters of policy involved in the investigation and disposition of the cases of citizens who may be accused of disloyalty during the Japanese occupation should be thoroughly studied in order that a basic policy may be established for dealing with such cases in accordance with the law and with an understanding of the conditions which existed during the period of enemy occupation;

WHEREAS the public service may require the recall to duty of officials and employees of the Commonwealth Government who continued in the service during the enemy occupation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMENA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, do hereby create a National Board of Inquiry, composed of a chairman and four members to be appointed by the President, to investigate charges of disloyalty and consider the legal problems and matters of public policy involved therein.

1. The duties and functions of this Board are:

- a. To investigate the validity, with respect to the law and the facts involved, of all charges of disloyalty to the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the United States of America which have been filed or which may hereafter be filed.
- b. To allow such persons the right to be present at such investigations, to be heard by themselves or by counsel, and to present witnesses on their behalf. Hearings of the Board shall be open to the public unless its members unanimously decide that the public interest requires hearings in executive session.
- c. To submit to the President a report of its labors and, in its discretion, to present current reports of its findings and conclusions, and at frequent intervals to recommend to him such action as may be deemed just and proper in each particular case that has been heard.

2. This Board shall also investigate the conduct of those public officials or employees who served during the enemy occupation and who may be recalled to duty. Upon the request of the respective appointing public official, the Board shall likewise make the same investigation of any official or employee under him already in the service. The Board shall give ample opportunity for the presentation of evidence which may be useful in determining the motives of the official or employee concerned in continuing to render service during the period of Japanese occupation, and his conduct while in office during said period.

3. The Board of Inquiry shall prepare such rules and regulations for its operation as may be necessary. It is hereby authorized to direct the appearance of witnesses with or without documents, administer oaths, and take testimony relevant to its investigations. It is also authorized to call upon any office, official, or employee of the Commonwealth of the Philippines for any necessary assistance

in carrying out its functions and, with the approval of the corresponding Head of Department, such assistance shall be given.

4. To enable the Board to discharge its functions with dispatch and equity, it is hereby authorized to appoint deputies with power to conduct investigations in the provinces, municipalities, and chartered cities. It shall be the duty of such deputies to conduct the investigations within their respective jurisdictions in accordance with the provisions of this Executive Order, and submit to the Board the evidence presented with the pertinent recommendation in each case.

5. Inasmuch as justice requires and the Constitution of the Commonwealth prescribes that in all criminal prosecutions the accused shall have a speedy trial, the Board is enjoined to execute its functions with the greatest dispatch compatible with safeguarding the rights of the accused and the interests of the State. Records of proceedings shall be as brief as possible and need not be verbatim. In the taking of evidence only that testimony shall be of record which is deemed essential by the Board.

6. The chairman and members of this Board shall receive compensation in the form of per diem, the chairman at the rate of thirty pesos (P30) and the members twenty pesos (P20) a day for each day of service actually rendered, except those who are already employed by the Commonwealth of the Philippines who shall serve without additional compensation. Within the limit of such funds as may be set aside or appropriated for the purpose, the Board may employ the necessary personnel and make provisions for equipment, supplies, materials, travel, and other services.

7. The Board of Inquiry created under Executive Order No. 23 is hereby abolished and any pending cases shall hereafter fall under the jurisdiction of the National Board of Inquiry established by this Executive Order.

Done at the City of Manila, this 8th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 54
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE SALARIES OF TWO ADDITIONAL JUDGES
OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF MANILA FOR A PORTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE THIRTIETH NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY FIVE

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Executive Order No. 50, current series, two additional positions of Judges for the Municipal Court of the City of Manila have been created;

WHEREAS, City Ordinance No. 2885 of the City of Manila provides appropriations only for four Judges of the Municipal Court of Manila;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and pursuant to the provisions of the existing laws, do hereby ordain that:

So much of the salary savings or any other amounts which are authorized in City Ordinance No. 2885 of the City of Manila, "Appropriating funds for the necessary expenses of the Government of the City of Manila during the fiscal year ending June Thirtieth of the year Nineteen hundred and Forty-Two" as may correspond to the period starting from the date of the reestablishment of the government of the City of Manila from February 27, 1945 to June 30, 1945, is hereby appropriated for the payment of the salaries of the two additional judges of the Municipal Court of the City of Manila, who shall receive the same compensation as the existing judges of the said Court.

Done at the City of Manila, this 8th day of June, in the year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Forty Five and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 55
SUSPENDING THE RUNNING OF THE PERIOD OF ELIGIBILITY FOR REINSTATEMENT
IN THE CIVIL SERVICE DURING THE ENEMY OCCUPATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, and upon recommendation of the Bureau of Civil Service, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby order that the running of the period of eligibility for reinstatement of officers and employees of the Commonwealth Government, whether retired or otherwise separated through no delinquency or misconduct on or before January 2, 1942, the date of enemy occupation of the Philippines, shall be deemed suspended from such date to December 31, 1945, and the person concerned may be reinstated within the unexpired portion of the period of eligibility for reinstatement to which he was originally entitled in accordance with the Civil Service Law and Rules.

Done at the City of Manila, Philippines, this 16th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 56
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 39, DATED MARCH 10, 1945, ENTITLED
“APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE MILLION PESOS FOR CIVILIAN DEFENSE.”

1. Paragraph one of Executive Order numbered thirty-nine, dated March ten, nineteen hundred and forty-five, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“1. That the sum of one million pesos be appropriated, as it is hereby appropriated, out of any fund in the Philippine Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, which shall constitute a reimbursable fund to be known as “Emergency Control Administration Revolving Fund”, to be expended by the Emergency Control Administrator, together with all future accretions derived from its operation and such sums as may hereafter be appropriated for the same purpose, subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines, to carry out the purposes of Executive Order No. 382, series of 1941, as amended by Executive Order No. 29, current series: PROVIDED, That as soon as possible after the close of each fiscal year, the Emergency Control Administrator shall render a detailed report of the operation of this fund during said year to the President of the Philippines: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That any surplus in this fund existing at the end of any fiscal year, which, in the opinion of the Budget Commission, is not necessary for the operation of the service, shall revert to the general fund in the Philippine Treasury.”

2. This order shall take effect as of March 10, 1945.

Done at the City of Manila, this 20th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 57

**CREATING THE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS CONTROL ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE CHARGE
OF RATIONING PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND TO CONTROL THE DISTRIBUTION AND
USE OF SAME FOR GOVERNMENT AND ESSENTIAL CIVILIAN OPERATED MOTOR
VEHICLES AND STATIONARY AND MARINE ENGINES**

WHEREAS, it is essential to carry out the prompt rehabilitation of civilian transportation facilities and industrial enterprises and at the same time exercise effective control in the rationing and distribution of petroleum products during the period of military operation in the Philippines to insure the successful continuance of the war efforts;

WHEREAS, the United States Army, in its desire to make the rehabilitation program effective, has offered to make available petroleum products to meet the minimum requirements of the government, and essential civilian operated motor vehicles and stationary and marine engines, pending the establishment of authorized companies engaged in the importation, storage, and distribution of petroleum products in the Philippines;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, do hereby create the PETROLEUM PRODUCTS CONTROL ADMINISTRATION, as an office under the executive authority of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications to take charge of rationing petroleum products and to control the distribution and use of the same for government and essential civilian operated motor vehicles and stationary and marine engines. The Petroleum Products Control Administration shall be managed by a Board herein designated as the PETROLEUM PRODUCTS CONTROL BOARD composed of a Chairman and four members, who shall be appointed by the President.

The Petroleum Products Control Board shall have its office in the City of Manila. The Petroleum Products Control Administration is to be represented in every province by the District Engineer and in every chartered city, outside of the City of Manila, by the City Engineer.

All funds, advances or appropriations already made or set aside in the sum of P75,000.00 as a loan from the appropriation of One Million Pesos under Executive Order No. 39, for the operation and maintenance of the Petroleum Products Control Office, and the present organization including personnel, properties and accounts connected with the rationing and control of the distribution and use of petroleum products for civilian users, are hereby transferred to the Petroleum Products Control Administration herein created.

All orders previously issued inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done at the City of Manila, this 25th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 58
REDUCING THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY OF GREATER MANILA

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby reduce the territory of the City of Greater Manila as created by Executive Order No. 400, dated January 1, 1942, by eliminating therefrom the territories formerly comprised in the municipalities of Caloocan, San Juan, Mandaluyong, Makati, Pasay and Parañaque. The said territories are hereby reconverted and restored into their former status of municipalities of the province of Rizal.

Notwithstanding such reversion and restoration into their former status as municipalities of Caloocan, San Juan, Mandaluyong, Makati, Pasay and Parañaque, the police jurisdiction of the City of Greater Manila over the territories comprised in said municipalities shall continue. The above recreated municipalities shall contribute their proportionate share to the appropriations for the police department of the City of Greater Manila.

This Order shall take effect on August 1, 1945.

Done at the City of Manila, this 26th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 59
CREATING THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (METRAN)

WHEREAS, there is at present a passenger bus service, known as the Civilian Emergency Transportation (CET), operated and maintained by the Emergency Control Administration for the City of Manila;

WHEREAS, the United States Army has manifested its intention to transfer the establishment known as the "Ordinance Commercial Vehicle Unit," including all facilities, equipment and parts, and the civilian personnel thereof to the Commonwealth of the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing enterprises may be coordinated, maintained, and operated under the Department of Public Works and Communications to achieve maximum efficiency and benefit for the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Philippines, do hereby create an office to be known as the METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (METRAN) under the supervision and control of the Secretary of Public Works and Communications to take charge of the operation and maintenance of the passenger bus service known as the CIVILIAN EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION (CET) operated by the Emergency Control Administration for the City of Manila and the maintenance of the civilian motor vehicle facilities at present handled by the Ordinance Commercial Motor Vehicle Unit of the United States Army upon its being transferred to the Commonwealth of the Philippines. The amount of Thirty Thousand Pesos (P30,000.00) set aside in Emergency Control Administration Order No. 16, series of 1945, issued by the Emergency Control Administrator for the operation and maintenance of the said passenger bus service, and the present personnel, plant, equipment, supplies and records, and accounts connected with the operation and maintenance thereof, are hereby transferred to the METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (METRAN). All facilities of the Ordinance Commercial Vehicle Unit of the United States Army, including equipment and parts, that may be turned over to the Commonwealth of the Philippines, as well as the civilian personnel now forming part of said unit, shall likewise be transferred to the METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (METRAN).

Administrative Order No. 2, dated June 25, 1945, issued by the Emergency Control Administrator and all other orders inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done at the City of Manila, this 27th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 60
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBERED SEVENTY-SIX,
DATED DECEMBER TWENTY-TWO, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX,
CREATING THE BOARD OF FOOD INSPECTION.

Executive Order No. 76, dated December 22, 1936, entitled "Creating the Board of Food Inspection" is hereby amended to read as follows:

"For the purpose of aiding in carrying out the provisions of Article XVII, Chapter Thirty-seven, of the Revised Administrative Code, there is hereby created a Board of Food Inspection to be composed of the Chief, Division of Sanitation, Bureau of Health, as Chairman, and one representative from each of the following entities to be designated by the President from time to time, as members:

"Bureau of Animal Industry;

"School of Hygiene and Public Health, University of the Philippines;

"Bureau of Customs; and

Bureau of Internal Revenue.

"The Board shall have the following duties:

"(a) It shall conduct hearings on matters concerning the administration of the provisions of the law above-mentioned;

"(b) It shall hear protests and appeals from decisions and rulings made under section eleven hundred and twenty-four of the Revised Administrative Code;

"(c) It shall submit a report recommending food manufacture;

"(d) It shall submit a report recommending food standards for adoption under the law; and

"(e) It shall further have such functions, properly within the scope of the administration of the law, as may be assigned to it by the Director of Health.

"The decisions of the Board shall be advisory to the Director of Health, and shall become final upon approval by the Secretary of Health and Public Welfare."

Done at the City of Manila, this 31st day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 61

REPEALING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 38 AND REVIVING SECTION 1659 OF THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AS AMENDED BY COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 543

WHEREAS, the restoration of the Bureau of Justice to its status and composition prior to the issuance of Executive Order No. 38, dated March 10, 1945, is now demanded by the interests of public service and the administration of justice, in view of the increased volume of work and the nature and importance of the cases handled by said Bureau, and of the present high cost of living.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, do hereby order:

1. Executive Order No. 38, series of 1945, is hereby repealed.
2. The provisions of Section 1659 of the Revised Administrative Code, as amended by Section 1 of Commonwealth Act No. 543, are hereby restored and revived, and shall have full force and effect from the date of this order.
3. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed.

Done at the City of Manila, Philippines, this 4th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 62
FIXING THE OFFICIAL MARKUPS FOR WHOLESALERS AND RETAILERS OF CERTAIN
COMMODITIES IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE CEILING PRICES.

WHEREAS, it is necessary, because of the present emergency, that official markups for wholesalers and retailers of certain commodities be fixed in order to prevent excessive profits to accrue to dealers of said commodities thus establishing their ceiling prices at reasonable levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, particularly Commonwealth Act No. 671, do hereby order:

1. The following are the retailer's ceiling prices computed in accordance with the official markups prescribed in section 2 of this Order:

(1) Alcohol, 185 proof	₱1.00 per liter plus specific tax
(2) Bread, per American loaf of one lb.	.60 per loaf
Pan de sal, per piece of 40 grams	.05 per piece
(3) Canned Meat:	
Corned Beef, per 16 oz. tin	.56 per tin
Spam, per 12 oz. tin	.96 per tin
Stew (Meat and Vegetables), per 16 oz. tin	.60 per tin
(4) Cracked Corn	12.85 per cavan
	.56 per ganta
(5) Cracked Wheat	16.56 per cavan
	.72 per ganta
(6) Wheat Flour	.27 per kilo
(7) Canned Milk:	
Condensed, per 14 oz. tin	.52 per tin
Evaporated, per 14 1/2 oz. tin	.33 per tin
(8) Canned Pork and Beans, per 16 oz. tin	.44 per tin
(9) Salt (refined salt)	10.70 per cavan
	.10 per kilo
(10) Canned Sardines:	
Natural, per 15 oz. tin	.30 per tin
In tomato sauce, per 15 oz. tin	.34 per tin
(11) Sugar - Refined U. S.	.55 per kilo
Centrifugal	.50 per kilo
Muscovado	.40 per kilo

2. The following are the wholesaler's and retailer's markups for the fixing of the ceiling prices of the commodities hereunder listed:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Wholesaler's markup above landed cost</u>	<u>Retailer's markup above wholesaler's price</u>
(1) Bulk Food	10%	15%
(2) Canned Milk	10%	15%
(3) Canned Meat or Fish	10%	20%
(4) Canned Vegetables or Fruit	15%	25%
(5) Bread or Pan de sal	--	25%
(6) Other food	15%	25%
(7) Steel and Iron, heavy; Building Materials	15%	20%
(8) Hardware, Nails, Wire, Tools	20%	25%
(9) Plumbing and Electrical Fixtures	20%	25%
(10) Textiles	15%	25%
(11) Clothing, old or new Shoes	20%	30%
(12) Drugs and Medical Supplies	20%	30%
(13) Industrial Chemicals	15%	--
(14) Medical Equipment	20%	30%
(15) Liquor	25%	25%
(16) Jewelry, Novelties, Toys	40%	60%
(17) Tobacco Products	15%	20%
(18) Miscellaneous Building Materials	15%	25%
(19) Paper Products, Stationary and School Supplies	20%	25%
(20) Newsprint	15%	--
(21) Machinery, Industrial and Office	15%	20%
(22) Automobiles, Trucks and Automotive Equipment and Parts	20%	30%
(23) Philippine-made Handicraft Articles	20%	30%
(24) All other products not specifically mentioned	20%	15-30%

3. The ceiling prices for the wholesalers shall be the landed cost of any specific commodity plus a margin of profit not exceeding the corresponding markup specified in the preceding section. "Landed cost" consists of the CIF Manila or port of landing value plus such charges as arrastre, discharge, and delivery to the bodega.

4. The ceiling price for the retailers shall be wholesalers' invoice price plus expenses of retailers in transporting the goods from the point where wholesalers' bodega is located to that where sale is effected, and a margin of profit not exceeding the corresponding markup specified in section 2.

5. In cases where a wholesaler sells any commodity direct to an industrial consumer, he shall be entitled only to the wholesaler's markup. In cases where a wholesaler also performs the function of a retailer, the wholesaler may be entitled to both the wholesaler's and retailer's markups.

6. For all points outside of the City of Manila or outside of the territorial jurisdiction of the port of landing, the ceiling prices specified in section 1 may be increased by an amount per unit that equals the exact amount of additional transportation expenses at government fixed rates, if any, or, if none, at the cheapest rate available, and other necessary or unavoidable expenses incurred or to be incurred by the retailer in taking the goods to the place of re-sale.

7. Sales made by units of measure other than those specified in section 1 may be presumed to have been made at prices exceeding the fixed ceiling prices, and such presumption may be overthrown only by proofs presented by the vendor showing that the prices charged do not exceed the fixed ceiling prices.

8. Any vendor and/or owner or manager of any store, firm, or establishment making sale of any article, commodity or merchandise included in the above list, at prices above the ceiling prices specified in this Order or in excess of such maximum selling prices as may be fixed in accordance with sections 1 and 2 hereof, or withholding the sale of any article, commodity or merchandise for purposes of speculation and profiteering shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment of not less than fifteen days but not more than six months, or a fine of not less than fifty but not more than one thousand pesos, or both imprisonment and fine in the discretion of the Court.

9. All Executive Orders and all Emergency Control Administration Orders or any of the provisions thereof which are in conflict or inconsistent with this Order or any of its provisions are hereby repealed.

10. This Executive Order shall take effect two days after the date of its promulgation.

Done at the City of Manila, this 14th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**

Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Executive Order Nos.: 1W – 109]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 63
CREATING A COUNCIL OF STATE

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby create a Council of State whose duty shall be to advise the Chief Executive in such matters of public policy as he may from time to time lay before it. The President of the Philippines shall be the presiding officer of the Council of State. Until otherwise ordered by him, it shall consist of, besides himself, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Heads of the Executive Departments, the Secretary to the President, and such other persons as may from time to time be appointed and summoned by him.

The provisions of Executive Order No. 144, dated March 17, 1938, and such other executive orders or portions thereof in so far as they may be inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 14th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) SERGIO OSMEÑA
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOSE S. REYES
Secretary to the President

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 64
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL WAR CRIMES OFFICE

WHEREAS, during the hostilities commenced by Japan on December 7, 1941, and during the occupation of the Philippines, these cruel invaders of our home land committed and are continuing to commit atrocities, crimes and offenses contrary to the laws and customs of war and to the principles of common humanity against the persons and property of the people of the Philippines, and

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the United Nations, as set forth in the Declaration of Moscow on Atrocities issued in the name of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin on November 1, 1943, that the perpetrators and persons responsible for such atrocities, crimes and offenses be brought to justice, and

WHEREAS, it is both necessary and proper that the perpetrators and persons responsible for such offenses committed in the territories of the Commonwealth of the Philippines be brought to justice and punished and that a true record of the atrocities, horrors, and wanton destruction so inflicted upon our people be preserved, and

WHEREAS, it is both desirable and necessary that this Commonwealth proceed immediately to collect, record and evaluate all evidence of such atrocities, crimes and offenses that the perpetrators and persons responsible may be punished, and

WHEREAS, there has been established in the Office of the Judge Advocate General of the United States Army a National War Crimes Office;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines as President thereof and as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, do hereby establish a National War Crimes Office charged with the responsibility jointly with the United States National War Crimes Office of accomplishing the speedy and just punishment of Japanese war criminals guilty of atrocities, cruelties and acts of oppression against the people and armed forces of the Philippines, the citizens and armed forces of the United States of America in the Philippines and the citizens of other of the United Nations.

The National War Crimes Office is established within the Judge Advocate General Service of the Philippine Army and will function under the direction of the Judge Advocate General. It will proceed to collect from all available sources evidence of war crimes and atrocities against both persons and property within the Philippines committed since the commencement of hostilities by Japan in December, 1941, maintain a record thereof and evaluate such evidence, and jointly with the United States War Crimes Office bring about the prompt trial of all guilty persons that may be apprehended.

The National War Crimes Office will maintain direct liaison with the United States National War Crimes Office, and with the United Nations War Crimes Commission and will exchange with those offices information and evidence of war crimes, and cooperate therewith in the apprehension and trial of criminals.

Done at the City of Manila, Philippines, this 16th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 65

PROVIDING FOR THE PROVISIONAL RELEASE ON BAIL OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, PRIOR TO THE INSTITUTION OF THE CORRESPONDING CRIMINAL CASES AGAINST THEM, SUSPENDING, INsofar AS THEY ARE CONCERNED, THE APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 125 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States in the Philippines has caused many persons to be apprehended, detained and interned, pursuant to his proclamation, dated December 29, 1944;

WHEREAS, the persons thus interned are being turned over and delivered to the Commonwealth Government, together with the pertinent records, for trial and disposal of their respective cases in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth;

WHEREAS, according to the laws of the Commonwealth, no person may be detained for some legal ground for more than six (6) hours without being delivered to the proper judicial authorities; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary, to enable the Government to fulfill its responsibilities and to maintain and enforce its authority, as well as to respect the mandates of the Constitution, that some temporary measure be immediately adopted in relation with the custody of said prisoners, and the investigation, prosecution and disposal of their respective cases;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMENA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Philippines, do hereby ordain that:

1. All criminal actions, commenced either by complaint or by information, against the persons interned or otherwise detained by the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States in the Philippines and delivered to the Commonwealth Government, shall be prosecuted under the direction and control of the Solicitor-General.

2. The provisions of Article 125 of the Revised Penal Code, as amended, are hereby suspended with regard to said internees or detainees: Provided, however, That this suspension shall not be for more than thirty (30) days from the date on which the aforementioned delivery of said internees or detainees shall have been made.

3. Existing provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding, the Solicitor-General is hereby authorized to order the provisional release of any such internee or detainee who should solicit the same, upon such reasonable bail as may be approved by him or by any court or officer authorized by him, except when there is strong evidence that such internee or detainee has committed a capital offense. The bail may consist in money or bonds of the Philippines or of the United States (which shall be deposited immediately in the National or provincial treasury) or upon the guaranty of a bonding company or of two or more solvent sureties of good reputation. The condition of the bail shall be that the internee or detainee shall be available at all times to the authorities during the pendency of his case, and that he shall comply with all the other obligations prescribed in Sections 1 and 2 of Rule 110 of the Rules of Court. The Solicitor-General may, for just cause and before the filing of an information against a person released on bail, increase or reduce the amount thereof, and, if the conditions of the

bail are violated, order the forfeiture and execution thereof and the arrest of the person released upon it. After the filing of the information, however, these powers shall be exercised by the court taking cognizance of the case.

4. Whenever, after due investigation, he should be of the opinion that no criminal action, of any kind whatsoever, lies against a given person, the Solicitor-General may order the release of such person, if he is detained, or, if he has been released on bail, as provided herein, to move before any Court of First Instance, which is hereby authorized for the purpose, for an order of cancellation of the bond. If the investigation should result in the filing of a criminal action against the person released on bail, the Solicitor-General shall transmit the bail, together with such other pertinent information, to the court for such action as it may deem proper to take thereon.

5. The provisions of this Executive Order shall be in force and effect until the Congress of the Philippines shall otherwise provide.

Done at the City of Manila, this 3rd day of September, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Executive Order Nos.: 1W – 109]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 66

EXTENDING THE PERIOD PROVIDED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT, DATED MARCH TWELVE, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY, FOR WHICH PAYMENT MAY BE AUTHORIZED OF THE SALARIES OR WAGES OF NEWLY APPOINTED OR TRANSFERRED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS WHILE THEIR APPOINTMENTS ARE PENDING ACTION BY THE PROPER AUTHORITIES.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby extend to six months the period of three months provided in Executive Order Numbered Two hundred and fifty-eight, dated March twelve, nineteen hundred and forty, for which payment may be authorized of the salaries or wages of newly appointed or transferred officers and employees of the national, provincial, city, and municipal governments while their appointments are pending action by the proper authorities: Provided, That the designations, salary rates, and dates of effectivity specified in the corresponding appointments shall conform to the plantillas as authorized by the department heads concerned based on the approved budgets: And provided, further, That the appointing officers shall be held personally liable for reimbursing the Government for payments that might be improperly made on account of appointments illegally issued or otherwise in contravention of existing laws, rules and regulations.

Executive Order Numbered Two hundred and fifty-eight, dated March twelve, nineteen hundred and forty, is hereby modified to the extent herein set forth.

Done at the City of Manila, this 14th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) SERGIO OSMEÑA
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOSE S. REYES
Secretary to the President

Source: Malacañang Records Office

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 67
PRESCRIBING INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
DURING THE TIME THAT THE PRESIDENT IS OUTSIDE THE PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS, the public interest requires my presence outside the Philippines:

NOW, THEREFORE, the following instructions are hereby issued for the conduct of public affairs during my absence:

1. The President of the Philippines shall continue to exercise all the functions of his office as enjoined by the Constitution and the laws, in the same manner as when he is within the national territory. The Secretary to the President shall, as heretofore, sign all papers that are ordinarily signed by him by or under the authority of the President.

2. Each Secretary of Department shall attend to and decide matters which pertain to his Department and which under the law, he may decide. On those matters which require approval of the President, in case urgent action is needed, such approval shall be obtained by cable. On other departmental business, which, although within the jurisdiction of a Secretary of Department, are of such importance as to affect the general policies of the Government and, therefore, should be the subject of consultation with the President, the Secretary concerned may communicate for such purpose with the President by cable or other convenient means of communication.

3. The Cabinet shall hold its weekly meetings and shall meet at such other times as may be necessary. The Secretary to the President shall preside. Matters which have heretofore been acted upon by the Cabinet shall continue to be considered and decided by the Cabinet: Provided, however, That in the absence of unanimity of opinion on any question submitted, no decision shall be taken until it shall have been submitted to the President.

4. All official communications to the President, whether by letter or by cable, shall be transmitted through or by the Secretary to the President.

5. The Secretary to the President shall preside over all official ceremonies, receive and return the official calls of American and foreign dignitaries in behalf of and in representation of the President.

Done at the City of Manila, this 26th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 68
DEMOBILIZATION OF ELEMENTS OF THE PHILIPPINE ARMY
AND OTHER GUERRILLA UNITS IN THE FIELD.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Government has been advised by the Commander-in-Chief, United States Army Forces, Pacific, of the termination of hostilities and the surrender of Japanese forces;

WHEREAS, the Government has further been advised by the Commander-in-Chief, United States Army Forces, Pacific, that this termination of hostilities and surrender of the Japanese forces has rendered unnecessary the maintenance for further field service of elements of the Army of the Philippines in addition to regularly activated units and of those guerrilla units already recognized;

WHEREAS, continued assembly and maintenance of headquarters is not a prerequisite to recognition of guerrilla units; and

WHEREAS, the demobilization of guerrilla units in the field will not prejudice the continuance of recognition of such guerrilla units as can produce evidence showing that they have maintained organized military forces in the field in effective opposition to the Japanese, which will be the basis for award of such benefits as may be authorized to members of such units;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, do hereby order:

1. That all unrecognized guerrilla units be disbanded and that all members thereof return to their homes and engage in their normal civilian pursuits.
2. That all arms, ammunitions, and military supplies and equipment in the possession of unrecognized guerrilla units or of individual members of such units be immediately turned in to the Commander of the nearest unit of the United States Army or of the Army of the Philippines.
3. That all records of unrecognized guerrilla units disbanded in conformity herewith, together with any request for recognition and evidence in support of such request, be assembled and turned in to the Commander of the nearest unit of the United States Army or of the Army of the Philippines for

forwarding to Headquarters, Philippine Army.

Done at the City of Manila, this 26th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 69
CREATING THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT MEDAL AND RESISTANCE MOVEMENT
DIPLOMA IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICES RENDERED BY THE GUERRILLA FORCES
AND PATRIOTIC CITIZENS IN RESISTING THE ENEMY.

WHEREAS, all guerrilla units regardless of strength and present status have contributed materially to the patriotic movement in resisting the efforts of the enemy to impose his will on the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, many organizations and citizens have materially contributed to the maintenance and existence of these guerrilla organizations;

WHEREAS, the epic resistance of the guerrillas in the Philippines, assisted by loyal citizens, is known throughout the world and has elicited the admiration of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, this Government is desirous of recognizing the sacrifices and patriotism of those people who volunteered for the cause of liberating the Philippines;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, do hereby order:

1. That there shall be created two awards to be known as the “Resistance Movement Medal” and the “Resistance Movement Diploma.”

2. That the design and specifications of the medal and the diploma as well as the regulations for their award, shall be determined by the Secretary of National Defense.

3. That any person, regardless of nationality, who has taken active part in the resistance movement or has given aid, comfort and sustenance to that movement, is entitled to the above-mentioned awards.

Done at the City of Manila, this 26th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) SERGIO OSMEÑA
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOSE S. REYES
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 70
REVOKING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-W

WHEREAS, the seat of the Commonwealth Government has now been reestablished in Manila and normal governmental functions have been restored in the Philippines;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby revoke Executive Order No. 20-W prescribing instructions for the conduct of public affairs of the Commonwealth Government in the United States during the absence of the President.

Done in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, this 31st day of October, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 71
PROHIBITING DURING THE PRESENT EMERGENCY THE PRODUCTION
OR MANUFACTURE OF ALCOHOL OR FERMENTED OR SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS
OR ANY OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FROM SUGAR, SUGAR CANE PRODUCTS,
RICE, CORN, SWEET POTATOES AND CASSAVA.

WHEREAS, there exists in this country a shortage of sugar, rice, corn, sweet potatoes, and cassava;

WHEREAS, a portion of the existing stocks of these commodities is being used for the production of alcoholic beverages to the detriment of the national economy; and

WHEREAS, such conversion of these products into beverage alcohol increases the price of the remaining portion of the stock available for consumption;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMENA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, do hereby order:

1. That effective on the date of the promulgation of this Executive Order until December 31, 1946, unless otherwise ordered, the production or manufacture of alcohol or fermented or spirituous liquors or any other alcoholic beverage from the juice, syrup, or sugar of the sugar cane in the form of refined sugar, centrifugal sugar, muscovado, panocha, or in any other form, (except waste molasses), rice, corn, sweet potato, and cassava, is hereby prohibited: Provided, however, That the manufacture of alcohol from said commodities may be authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce for medicinal and industrial uses when no substitutes are immediately available in the place where it is to be used.
2. That any violation of the provisions of this Order shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two thousand pesos or by imprisonment not exceeding two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court. When the offender is a firm, partnership, or corporation, the manager or president thereof or person charged with the management of the business of such firm, partnership or corporation shall be liable to the penalties herein prescribed. All the finished products, raw materials, implements and machinery used in the production or manufacture of such alcohol, fermented or spirituous liquors or alcoholic beverage shall be confiscated.
3. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby suspended.

Done at the City of Washington, D. C. (for the City of Manila, Philippines), this 6th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 72
PRESCRIBING THE OFFICE HOURS TO BE OBSERVED IN ALL OFFICES OF THE
GOVERNMENT

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 63 of the Revised Administrative Code, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby prescribe that the daily hours of office, exclusive of holidays, in all offices of the Government shall be from eight o'clock to twelve o'clock in the morning, and from one o'clock to four o'clock in the afternoon (Standard Time as provided in Commonwealth Act No. 91): Provided, That on Saturdays the hours of office shall be continuous from 8:00 in the morning to 1:00 in the afternoon: And provided, further, That, when the interests of the public service so require, the head of any Department, Bureau or Office may extend the daily hours of office for any or all of the employees under him, and may likewise require any or all of them to do overtime work, not only on work days, but, also, on holidays.

This Order repeals Executive Order No. 31, dated March 8, 1945, and shall take effect upon its promulgation.

Done at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America (for the City of Manila, Philippines), this 9th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 73
APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF SIX MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS
FOR PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, important public works projects, such as the damaged roads and bridges, government office buildings, and the river control and port works have been neglected during the enemy occupation or have deteriorated on account of war operations; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed urgent that repair and maintenance work on these public works projects, which are essential to the social and economic welfare of the people, be immediately undertaken before the advent of the next rainy season.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and Commonwealth Act No. 671, known as the Emergency Powers Law, do hereby set aside the sum of Six Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos or so much thereof as may be necessary out of any funds of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines not otherwise appropriated, to be allotted by the Secretary of Public Works and Communications for the following public works projects, which shall be undertaken under the supervision of the Director of Public Works:

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| 1. | For the maintenance and repair of national roads and bridges, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment ----- | P4,500,000 |
| 2. | For aid for the maintenance and repair of existing provincial and chartered city roads, bridges and ferries, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment ----- | 550,000 |
| 3. | For the maintenance and repair of existing river control works, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment ----- | 450,000 |
| 4. | For the maintenance and repair of ports, including dredging incidental to such maintenance and purchase of the necessary supplies, materials, and equipment ----- | P500,000 |
| 5. | For the maintenance, alteration, reconstruction, and repair of public buildings and monuments, including private buildings and lots rented by the Government: Provided, That this fund shall not be used to improve, alter, reconstruct, or repair a building in such a manner as to make it appear practically new ----- | 300,000 |
| 6. | For repair, reconstruction, replacement of and addition to the Lepanto House of Representatives Building, Congress of the Philippines, including the purchase of the necessary supplies and materials ----- | 200,000 |

7.	For the operation, maintenance and repair of existing airports and landing fields, including the purchase of the necessary supplies, materials, and equipment -----	<u>250,000</u>
	Total -----	P6,750,000

The release of the above amount or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be contingent upon the availability of funds.

Done in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, this 12th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the Tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 74
EFFECTUATING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE RELIEF
AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION AND THE ABOLITION
OF THE EMERGENCY CONTROL ADMINISTRATION.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby authorize and direct the organization, under the Office of the President of the Philippines, of the Philippine Relief and Rehabilitation Administration created by Commonwealth Act 716, effective December 1, 1945.

The Philippine Relief and Rehabilitation Administration shall have all the powers, duties and functions set forth in Commonwealth Act 716.

Effective December 1, 1945, the Emergency Control Administration is hereby abolished, and its functions, activities, funds, equipment and personnel shall be transferred to the Philippine Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. In order to facilitate such transfer, the Auditor General shall help in the immediate liquidation and settlement of the obligations and accounts of the Emergency Control Administration.

In addition to the funds that should be transferred from the Emergency Control Administration, the sum of one million pesos appropriated in Commonwealth Act 716 is hereby made available for the organization and operation of the Philippine Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

Done at the City of Manila, this 28th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 75
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 59, DATED JULY 27, 1945, ENTITLED “CREATING
THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (METRAN)”.

Executive Order No. 59, dated July 27, 1945, is hereby amended by inserting the following paragraph between paragraphs four and five of the said Executive Order:

All funds, assets and properties transferred to, and liabilities assumed by, the Metropolitan Transportation Service as provided above shall constitute a fund to be known as the Metropolitan Transportation Service Revolving Fund. This fund, together with all future accretions derived from operation shall, subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines, be used to carry out the purposes of this Order: Provided, That as soon as possible after the close of each fiscal year, the Secretary of Public Works and Communications shall render a detailed report of the operation of this fund during said year to the President of the Philippines: and Provided, further, That any surplus in this fund existing at the end of any fiscal year, which, in the opinion of the President of the Philippines, is not necessary for the operation of the service, shall revert to the General Fund in the Philippine Treasury.

This Order shall take effect as of July 27, 1945.

Done at the City of Manila, this 1st day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 76
PRESCRIBING RULES ON THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE
OF FOREIGN RELATIONS

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Commonwealth Act Numbered 683, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, hereby issue the following rules which shall govern the details of the organization and the functions of the Office of Foreign Relations:

Section 1. The duties and functions of the Office of Foreign Relations shall be:

- (1) To recommend to the President policies affecting the economic, political, and cultural relations of the Philippines with foreign countries; and to call on any official and agency of the government to assist in the drawing up of programs or measures necessary to carry out declared policies.
- (2) To have charge of the participation of the Philippines in international conferences and to direct the formation and sending of missions abroad and the proper preparation for such conferences, in conjunction with the government departments concerned.
- (3) To explore possibilities of establishing economic, social, or cultural relations with the United States and foreign countries; to study ways and means of securing services or assistance from abroad which may be beneficial to the nation, and to recommend to the President measures for their realization.
- (4) To take charge of the establishment of trade or cultural offices in the United States and foreign countries and to supervise and direct the work of all officers therein, including those sent on special assignments and those sent for training in educational institutions.
- (5) To look after the rights and obligations of the Philippines as a member of the United Nations Organization and of other international bodies and to bring to the attention of the President the action or measure necessary for their enforcement or compliance.
- (6) To take charge of the treaties or agreements between the government of the Philippines and other governments.
- (7) To prescribe rules on admission of persons into the service and regulations on vacation and leave privileges of officers and employees of the Office, to direct the examinations of applicants for admission and promotion in the service, and to supervise the training of persons accepted for admission into the service.
- (8) To make the necessary arrangements for the proper reception of foreign diplomatic and consular officials and other important functionaries of foreign governments visiting the Philippines.

Section 2. The Office of Foreign Relations shall have a political division, an economic division, a cultural division, a legal division, a division of controls, and an administrative division, and such other officers and employees as may be needed by the requirements of the service.

Section 3. There shall be a policy committee composed of the Commissioner of Foreign Relations, as chairman, and the chiefs of divisions as members, which shall advise and assist the President in the consideration of major questions of policy and shall assist the Commissioner of Foreign Relations in coordinating the functions of the different divisions.

Section 4. The Commissioner of Foreign Relations shall assign to the different divisions of the Office of Foreign Relations the specific duties and functions which shall be performed by each of them in accordance with the nature of the organization.

Section 5. Each division shall have responsibility for initiating and coordinating policy and action in all matters under its jurisdiction as defined by the Commissioner of Foreign Relations.

Section 6. The compensation of the Commissioner of Foreign Relations is hereby fixed at ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) per annum. This amount and the salaries and wages of the other officers and employees, as well as the amounts needed for sundry expenses and for the purchase of furniture and equipment, for the Office of Foreign Relations shall be provided for in a special budget pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-I (4) of Commonwealth Act No. 246, as amended.

Section 7. These rules shall go into effect as of the first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-five, save as to the provisions hereof which may not be made immediately effective under the terms of the laws of the United States until the date of the declaration of Philippine independence on July 4, 1946.

Done in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 77
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 332, DATED MARCH 14, 1941 SO AS TO INCLUDE
AMONG THE EXEMPTIONS THEREIN PROVIDED, THE QUARTERS ALLOWANCE
OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby amend paragraph 2 of Executive Order No. 332, dated March 14, 1941, to read as follows:

“2. The provisions of the next preceding paragraph shall not apply to (1) additional compensation for officers and employees under contract; (2) additional compensation for the Chiefs of technical bureaus authorized in Section 5, paragraph (4) of the Salary Law; (3) per diems for officers of the Philippine Army or the Philippine Constabulary serving as aides-de-camp to the President in accordance with Section 62 of the Administrative Code; (4) additional compensation for municipal treasurers and other government employees acting as deputy provincial treasurers, postmasters, gauge keepers, and rain observers; (5) additional compensation to members of the committee of accountants authorized under section 1625-G of the Administrative Code; (6) additional compensation for overtime service pursuant to the provisions of section 7-I (32) of Commonwealth Act No. 246 and of section 1656 of the Administrative Code; and (7) quarters allowance to which local government officials and employees are entitled under existing laws.”

Done at the City of Manila, this 5th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 78

AUTHORIZING PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO COLLECT ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED FOR SUBSISTENCE AND LODGING WHEN TRAVELING ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS IN LIEU OF PER DIEMS UPON APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNED AND IMPOSING CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON TRAVELS ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

The public interest so requiring, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby promulgate the following:

Provincial, city and municipal officials and employees when traveling on official business outside their permanent station may be allowed payment of expenses for subsistence and lodging actually and necessarily incurred in excess of the authorized rates of per diems upon the approval of the proper head of department and after certification by the treasurer concerned that funds are available for the purpose, when the prevailing conditions in the place visited so justify.

Travels on official business by provincial, city and municipal officials and employees outside their respective station shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Except when called by the Department Head concerned or to take up emergency cases involving the interest and welfare of the inhabitants of his province, city or municipality, in the case of the Provincial Governor or City or Municipal Mayor, which from their nature cannot suffer any delay, or for the purpose of depositing or withdrawing government funds in the case of the provincial and city treasurers, or of taking up emergency cases of public works involving imminent danger to life and property in the case of the District Engineer, no provincial, city or municipal official or employee shall make trips outside the province or city without the prior approval of the Department Head concerned.
- (b) Official trips within the province may be made by the subordinate officials and employees only upon the prior approval of the head of office concerned.
- (c) Actual expenses for lodging and subsistence shall not exceed P16 a day in Manila, exclusive of actual, necessary and reasonable transportation expenses, which shall not exceed P4 a day, and P8 a day in the province.

The different heads of departments shall issue regulations in conformity with the provisions of this Order so that official trips shall not be made except when absolutely necessary in the interest of the public service.

This Order shall take effect as of December 1, 1945.

Done in the City of Manila, this 5th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 79
CREATING A QUEZON MEMORIAL COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE
OF THE NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE ERECTION
OF A NATIONAL MONUMENT IN HONOR OF THE LATE
PRESIDENT MANUEL L. QUEZON

By virtue of the powers in me vested by law, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby create and constitute a Quezon Memorial Committee which shall be composed of the following:

Hon. Alfredo Montelibano	Chairman
Hon. Tomas B. Morato	Member
Dr. Pedro J. Velasco	Member
Atty. Antonio D. Pagua	Member
Mr. Angel Marin	Member
Mr. Antonio Rivero	Member
Mr. Gil J. Puyat	Member
Hon. Pedro C. Hernaez	Treasurer
Col. Artemio Nabor	Executive Secretary

The Committee shall take charge of the nation-wide campaign to raise funds for the erection of a national monument in honor of the late President Manuel L. Quezon, as well as the selection of the most suitable site on which to erect the same. The Quezon Memorial Committee is hereby authorized to appoint and organize as many subcommittees as may be necessary in the provinces, municipalities, and chartered cities, and to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the work entrusted to it. The Committee shall meet at such times and places as may be designated by the Chairman and shall submit its report to the President from time to time.

All funds coming into the Treasury of the Quezon Memorial Committee shall be deposited with the Philippine National Bank, and the necessary withdrawals therefrom shall be made only by checks duly signed by the Treasurer of the Committee and countersigned by the Chairman and by the Auditor to be designated by the Secretary of Health and Public Welfare.

All books of accounts kept in connection with the campaign shall always be made available for audit by the authorized representative of the Auditor General.

Done at the City of Manila, this 17th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 80
DESIGNATING THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY
OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Under the authority contained in section twenty-two of Commonwealth Act Numbered One, known as “The National Defense Act”, as amended by Commonwealth Act Numbered Three hundred twelve, the following appointments in the Army of the Philippines and their assignments to the General Staff Corps are hereby announced:

- (a) Brigadier-General Rafael Jalandoni, 0-1054, Infantry, Deputy Chief of Staff, is hereby designated Chief of Staff, vice Major-General Basilio J. Valdes, relieved, and will immediately assume the duties prescribed for that Office in the National Defense Act and in pertinent executive orders.
- (b) Colonel Macario Peralta, Jr., Infantry, is hereby designated as Deputy Chief of Staff, vice Brigadier-General Rafael Jalandoni, promoted, and will immediately assume the duties prescribed for that Office in the National Defense Act and in pertinent executive orders.

Done at the City of Manila, this 18th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 81
CREATING THE “PURCHASING AGENCY REVOLVING FUND” AND SETTING ASIDE
THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS FOR ITS OPERATION.

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agency of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines established in New York City, New York, U.S.A., has been reopened effective as of June 1, 1945, by virtue of an Administrative Order dated July 30, 1945, in Washington, D.C., issued, pursuant to authority of the President of the Philippines, by the Secretary of Finance;

WHEREAS, no appropriation has been provided in the National Budget for the fiscal year 1946 for the operating expenses of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, by handling the purchase orders for various machineries, equipment, accessories, supplies and materials by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and its instrumentalities and agencies, including government-owned corporations, the said Purchasing Agency, by assessing a surcharge of not exceeding two per centum on the invoice value of such purchases, can operate on a self-supporting basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws of the Philippines, do hereby set aside the sum of two hundred thousand pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any funds of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines not otherwise appropriated, which shall constitute, together with all accretions thereto derived from operation and such sums as may hereafter be appropriated for the same purpose, a reimbursable fund which shall be designated as “Purchasing Agency Revolving Fund” to be expended under the supervision of the Secretary of Finance and subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines, for the operating expenses of the above-mentioned Purchasing Agency. The Secretary of Finance shall, after the close of each fiscal year, render a detailed report, covering the operation of this fund during the previous year, to the President of the Philippines. Any excess, or portion thereof, over the amount herein set aside existing at the end of any fiscal year which, in the opinion of the Secretary of Finance, is not necessary for the operation of the service, shall revert to the General Fund in the National Treasury.

The Secretary of Finance is hereby empowered to promulgate rules and regulations, from time to time, for carrying out the purposes of the Purchasing Agency of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines in the United States of America.

This Order shall take effect as of the opening of the aforesaid agency on June 1, 1945.

Done at the City of Manila, this 18th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 82

AUTHORIZING THE PHILIPPINE PRESS WIRELESS, INC., MANILA, TO HANDLE BY RADIO TYPES OF SERVICE BESIDES THAT AUTHORIZED BY THE COMPANY'S FRANCHISE, COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX, TO AND FROM MANILA TO AND FROM POINTS EXTERIOR TO THE PHILIPPINES, UNTIL JANUARY TWENTY-FOURTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX

WHEREAS, all telecommunication services to and from points in the Philippines to and from points exterior thereto authorized by the Commonwealth Government to engage in such services where disrupted at the out-break of the war;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Press Wireless, Inc., a company authorized to maintain and operate radio stations for the wireless reception and transmission or wordage, pictures or other matter intended for publication, to and from points in the Philippines, to and from points exterior thereto, re-established its radio station in Manila and for general public and military necessity, furnished the much needed transoceanic communication services including that type of service which is not authorized in its franchise; and

WHEREAS, telecommunication facilities so far re-established since liberation are still inadequate to cope with the needs of the general public as well as those of the armed forces in this area, especially with the expected increased volume of radio traffic during the coming holiday season;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, in the interest of public welfare and by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws of the Philippines, do hereby authorize the aforementioned Philippine Press Wireless, Inc., to continue handling telecommunication services besides that type of service authorized in its franchise, until January twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and forty-six.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 83

**APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF GRATUITIES TO OFFICIALS AND
EMPLOYEES OF THE NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS
AND OF THE CORPORATIONS OR COMPANIES OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE
GOVERNMENT.**

In order to extend to officials and employees of the National, provincial, city, and municipal governments, and of the corporations or companies owned or controlled by the Government, the benefits already granted to other officials and employees of the National Government, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 27 dated December 7, 1945, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby order:

1. The sum of Seven million pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the payment of gratuities—

(a) To loyal and deserving employees of the National Government who were in the active service on December 8, 1941, and were paid on daily basis and who are, therefore, not covered by Administrative Order No. 27, dated December 7, 1945;

(b) To loyal and deserving officials and employees of the provincial, city, and municipal governments who were in the active service on December 8, 1941;

(c) To loyal and deserving officials and employees of the corporations or companies owned or controlled by the Government who were in the active service on December 8, 1941; and

(d) To loyal and deserving officials and employees of the Commonwealth Government, who were appointed after December 8, 1941, by the proper Commonwealth authorities in the civil administration connected with the resistance movement.

The officials and employees above mentioned may receive the gratuities herein authorized whether they have been recalled to the service or not, provided that those paid on daily basis must have been in the actual service continuously for at least six months prior to December 8, 1941, except that in the case of those paid on daily basis under subparagraph (d) hereof such six months' service must be from the date of their original appointments.

The appropriation herein authorized shall be allotted by the Secretary of Finance to the bureaus and offices concerned of the National Government, to the provincial, city and municipal governments, and to the corporations or companies owned or controlled by the Government the finances of which do not warrant the payment of such gratuities out of their respective funds. The allotments to such corporations or companies shall be considered as advances to be repaid to the National Treasury as soon as their finances will permit.

2. The gratuities herein authorized shall be equivalent to two months' basic salary at the rates actually received on December 8, 1941; and in the case of those appointed after December 8, 1941, by the proper Commonwealth authorities in the civil administration connected with the resistance movement, such gratuities shall be at the rates fixed in their original appointments.

3. The following are considered not loyal and deserving and they shall not, therefore, be entitled to the gratuities herein authorized:

(a) Officials and employees who, after December 8, 1941, were convicted by competent authority of treason or other offenses involving moral turpitude or disloyalty to the Government of the United States or the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines.

(b) Those who, after December 8, 1941, were dismissed for cause from the service of the National, provincial, city or municipal governments or of the corporations or companies owned or controlled by the Government.

(c) Those who were convicted of crimes involving moral turpitude or who were dismissed from the service for cause during the enemy occupation, except those who have been cleared by proper authority or whose cases have been duly reconsidered.

4. The payment of gratuities to officials and employees having cases in the People's Court or in any other court or office of competent jurisdiction, and to those who are still under the custody of the United States Army or of the Commonwealth Government shall be withheld pending the final outcome of their respective cases.

5. The payment of gratuities to those who, on December 8, 1941, were chief officials of the provincial, city, or municipal governments, or who were assistant managers of corporations or companies owned or controlled by the Government, and other officials holding positions of the same or higher rank, as well as those who were promoted to such positions during the enemy occupation shall be withheld, except those who have been cleared by proper authority or re-employed in the said governments, corporations, or companies.

6. Officials and employees appointed for a limited period of time shall be paid gratuities up to the date of the expiration of their last appointments or contracts at the rates of compensation fixed in paragraph numbered 2 hereof, but in no case to exceed two months.

7. Officials and employees who died before February 26, 1945, shall be paid gratuities up to the date of death at the rates of compensation fixed in paragraph numbered 2 hereof, but in no case to exceed two months.

8. The payment of gratuities authorized in this Order shall be subject to auditing requirements prescribed by the Auditor General in addition to the foregoing conditions.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 84
PRESCRIBING THE PROCEDURE FOR COURSING CORRESPONDENCE TO
AND FROM THE UNITED STATES AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES

WHEREAS, Section 5 and Section 7 of Commonwealth Act No. 683 provides as follows:

“Section 5. The Office of Foreign Relations shall take charge of all matters affecting the relations of the Government of the Philippines with the United States and foreign nations, and such other matters relating to international relations which the President of the Philippines may consider proper to be placed under its charge.”

“Section 7. Upon the declaration of the independence of the Philippines, the powers and functions of this office shall automatically be taken over by the Department in charge of foreign affairs of the Philippines with a Department Secretary at its head.”

WHEREAS, in creating the Office of Foreign Relations it was the intention to provide the means of coordinating the functions and activities of the Government pertaining to the relations of the Government of the Philippines with the United States and other countries and establish the nucleus of the department of foreign affairs to be created after independence has been declared; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that all matters affecting the relations of the Government of the Philippines with the United States and foreign countries be conducted through the Office of Foreign Relations to enable it to carry out properly its functions as provided in Commonwealth Act No. 683 and Executive Order No. 76 issued on December 3, 1945;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by law, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby order that hereafter:

1. All official communications and correspondence on matters affecting the relations of the Government of the Philippines with the United States and foreign countries from all departments, bureaus, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Commonwealth Government, or of any provincial, municipal, or city government, to the Office of the United States High Commissioner; to local offices or officers of the military and naval forces of the United States in the Philippines; to foreign consular officers or agents in the Philippines; and to persons, corporations, offices, bureaus, or departments in the United States or in foreign countries, be sent to the Office of Foreign Relations for transmittal to their destination through proper channels: Provided, however, that in urgent cases where it is imperative to catch an outgoing mail steamer or air mail the communication may be mailed direct and a copy thereof simultaneously sent to the Office of Foreign Relations with a statement of such mailing and the date thereof.

2. All official communications and correspondence on matters affecting the relations of the Government of the Philippines with the United States and foreign countries coming from the Office of the United States High Commissioner; from local offices or officers of the military and naval forces of the United States in the Philippines; from foreign consular officers or agents in the Philippines; from persons, corporations, offices, bureaus, or departments in the United States or in foreign countries and from the Office of the Resident Commissioner to the United States heretofore received and handled by the Office of the President shall hereafter be forwarded to the Office of Foreign Relations.

Executive Order numbered one hundred four, dated June fourteenth, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, and all other executive orders which may be inconsistent with the provisions of this executive order are hereby repealed.

This Executive Order shall take effect as of January 1, 1946.

Done at the City of Manila, Philippines, this 2nd day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 85
CREATING THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States desires to make available to the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, in an effort to rehabilitate the same, a part of the excess stock of materials, equipment, tools, machinery, supplies and other property of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that an organization be created and established in order to adequately survey the needs of the various departments, bureaus, offices, agencies, dependencies, and instrumentalities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, and to properly and justly distribute and allocate such excess materials, equipment, tools, machinery, supplies and other property to the aforementioned departments, bureaus, offices, agencies, dependencies and instrumentalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, do hereby create and establish the Government Procurement Commission, which shall have authority to requisition, receive, distribute and allocate all excess materials, equipment, tools, machinery, supplies and other property which may be ceded, transferred, assigned or otherwise made available to the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines by the Government of the United States.

The Government Procurement Commission shall be composed of the Secretary to the President, as Chairman, and the Secretary of Public Works and Communications and the Commissioner of the Budget, as Members. The Commission shall appoint such executive officer or officers as may be necessary for the proper performance of its functions and may authorize the payment of per diems for services rendered by said executive officer or officers. It shall, also, appoint the necessary office personnel and determine the salaries, duties and responsibilities thereof.

The operating expenses of the Commission shall be taken from such unexpended net balances as may have accrued from the Petroleum Products Control Administration created by Executive Order No. 57, the funds for which were made available from sources other than the General Appropriation Acts; and upon determination by the Commission of the amount of such expenses and certification thereof by the Department Head, said amount shall be deemed transferred to the Commission.

The Commission shall be under the executive supervision of the Secretary to the President.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done at the City of Manila, this 7th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 86
AMENDING FURTHER SECTION 133 OF THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE,
AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 40, DATED MAY 4, 1945.

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 40, dated May 4, 1945, authorizes the Supreme Court to sit in two divisions, one of six and another of five Justices, and requires the concurrence of five members of a division for the pronouncement of a judgment by each division; and

WHEREAS, the speedy administration of justice demands that four members of a division be permitted to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by each division and that the number required for the pronouncement of judgment by a division be reduced to the affirmative vote of the majority of the members thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws of the Philippines, I, SERGIO OSMENA, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

1. That section 133 of the Revised Administrative Code, as amended by section 2 of Commonwealth Act No. 3 and sections 1 and 2 of Commonwealth Act No. 259 and by the aforesaid Executive Order No. 40, dated May 4, 1945, be further amended so as to read as follows:

“SEC. 133. Justices of the Supreme Court; quorum of the Court; number of Justices necessary to reach a decision. – The Supreme Court of the Philippines shall consist of a Chief Justice and ten Associate Justices, any eight of whom shall constitute a quorum for its sessions in banc. In the absence of a quorum, the Court shall stand ipso facto adjourned until such time as the requisite number shall be present, and a memorandum showing this fact shall be inserted by the clerk in the minutes of the Court.

“The Supreme Court shall, as a body, sit in banc, but it may sit in two divisions, one of six and another of five Justices, to transact business, and the two divisions may sit at the same time.

“Whenever the constitutionality of a law or a treaty is involved, the case shall be heard and determined by the Court sitting in banc, and no law or treaty may be declared unconstitutional without the concurrence of at least eight Justices. When the necessary majority, as herein provided, to declare a law or a treaty unconstitutional cannot be had, the Court shall so declare, and in such case the validity or constitutionality of the law or treaty involved shall be deemed upheld.

“Whenever the judgment of the lower court imposes the death penalty, the case shall likewise be heard and determined by the Court sitting in banc, and the concurrence of all of the Justices present in the Philippines, not disqualified or physically incapacitated, shall be necessary for the pronouncement of a judgment imposing the death penalty. When the Court fails to reach a unanimous decision as herein provided, the penalty next lower in degree than the death penalty shall be imposed.

“All of the cases of the Court that are not required to be heard and determined by the Court in banc shall be allotted between the two divisions thereof for hearing and decision. Any four members of a division shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by that division and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members thereof shall be necessary for the pronouncement of a judgment by such division. Whenever a division fails to reach a decision in a case submitted to it, or whenever such division shall so order, or whenever the Chief Justice, in the exercise of a sound discretion, so orders, or whenever the admiralty jurisdiction of the Court is involved, the case shall be heard and determined by the Court sitting in banc, the affirmative vote of a majority of at least six Justices being necessary for the pronouncement of a judgment.

“The Court sitting in banc shall, from time to time, make proper orders or rules govern the allotment of cases between the two divisions; the constitution of such divisions, the regular rotation of Justices between them, the filling of vacancies occurring therein, and other matters relating to the business of the Court. If the Chief Justice is present in any session of the Court sitting in banc or in division, he shall preside. In his absence, that one of the Justices attending in banc or in division shall preside who holds the senior commission.”

2. That all Acts or parts of Acts which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 7th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 87

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 82 DATED DECEMBER 24, 1945, WHICH
AUTHORIZES THE PHILIPPINE PRESS WIRELESS, INC., MANILA, TO HANDLE BY RADIO
TYPES OF SERVICE BESIDES THAT AUTHORIZED BY THE COMPANY'S FRANCHISE.

WHEREAS, after proper investigation it has been shown conclusively that the conditions which required the issuance of Executive Order No. 82 on December 24, 1945, still exist and will continue to exist for sometime;

WHEREAS, the rapid readjustment of United States military personnel and the disposition of surplus materials have precipitated a critical situation on military communication systems between the Philippines and the United States, which necessitates the maximum utilization of all available commercial communication facilities; and

WHEREAS, public interest, convenience and necessity require that the temporary authority granted to the Philippine Press Wireless, Inc., under Executive Order No. 82 be extended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws of the Philippines, do hereby authorize the Philippine Press Wireless, Inc., to continue handling telecommunication services besides that type of service authorized in its franchise for a period of two months beginning January 25, 1946.

Done at the City of Manila, this 24th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 88
AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FORESTRY TO ISSUE TO TOBACCO
GROWERS GRATUITOUS LICENSE TO CUT FOREST PRODUCTS EXCLUSIVELY
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF TOBACCO WAREHOUSES AND
CURING SHEDS FOR ONE YEAR.

WHEREAS, the warehouses and curing sheds of the tobacco farmers were destroyed on account of war operations, thus leaving them in dire need of forest products for the rehabilitation and construction thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws of the Philippines, do hereby authorize the Director of Forestry to issue to any grower of tobacco, within one year from the date hereof, a gratuitous license to cut timber of the first group and other forest products exclusively for the construction of new, or the repair of existing, tobacco warehouses and curing sheds.

Done at the City of Manila, this 31st day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 89

AMENDING SECTIONS 153, 154, 156, 157 AND 161 OF THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AS AMENDED BY ACT NO. 4007 OF THE PHILIPPINE LEGISLATURE AND AS REVIVED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 36, DATED MARCH 10, 1945, SO AS TO RESTORE THE NUMBER OF JUDGES OF FIRST INSTANCE BEFORE THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, in order to organize the Courts as fast as provinces were liberated from the Japanese occupation, the grouping of the provinces for judicial purposes under Act No. 4007 of the Philippine Legislature was adopted, upon the reestablishment of the Commonwealth, by virtue of Executive Order No. 36, issued on March 10, 1945, as an emergency measure, thereby reducing the number of Judges of First Instance seventy-three (73) to fifty-two (52);

WHEREAS, the Congress of the Philippines passed on September 25, 1945, Commonwealth Act No. 682, creating the People's Court, composed of one Presiding Judge and fourteen Associate Judges most of whom were chosen, pursuant to Section 1 thereof, from among Judges of First Instance, thereby further reducing the number of actual incumbents of the Courts of First Instance;

WHEREAS, in view of the appointment of several Judges of First Instance to the People's Court, the remaining Judges of First Instance are insufficient to cope with the ever increasing number of cases filed before the Courts of First Instance, which deficiency is aggravated by the difficulty of transportation in those judicial districts where one Judge of First Instance has to preside over the Courts of First Instance of two or more provinces;

WHEREAS, the need for more Judges of First Instance is bound to be more pressing, due to the gradual return of economic normalcy and the big number of additional cases which may reasonably be expected owing to the forthcoming elections; and

WHEREAS, the exigencies of the service and the prompt and speedy administration of justice, as well as the maintenance of peace and order, demand the increase in the present number of Judges of First Instance, by restoring the number thereof before the Japanese occupation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws of the Philippines, do hereby order that:

1. Sections 153, 154, 156, 157 and 161 of the Revised Administrative Code, as amended, be further amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 153. Judicial districts.--Judicial districts for courts of first instance in the Philippines are constituted as follows:

"The First Judicial District shall consist of the Province of Cagayan and the Province of Batanes.

"The Second Judicial District, of the Province of Isabela and the Province of Nueva Vizcaya.

"The Third Judicial District, of the Province of Ilocos Norte, the Province of Abra, and the Province of Ilocos Sur.

"The Fourth Judicial District, of the Province of La Union and the Mountain Province.

"The Fifth Judicial District, of the Province of Pangasinan and the Province of Zambales.

“The Sixth Judicial District, of the Province of Tarlac and the Province of Nueva Ecija.

“The Seventh Judicial District, of the Province of Pampanga, the Province of Bulacan, and the Province of Bataan.

“The Eighth Judicial District, of the Province of Cavite and the Province of Palawan.

“The Ninth Judicial District, of the City of Manila.

“The Tenth Judicial District, of the Province of Rizal.

“The Eleventh Judicial District, of the Province of Laguna.

“The Twelfth Judicial District, of the Province of Batangas, the Province of Mindoro, the Province of Marinduque, and the Province of Romblon.

“The Thirteenth Judicial District, of the Province of Tayabas.

“The Fourteenth Judicial District, of the Province of Camarines Norte and the Province of Camarines Sur.

“The Fifteenth Judicial District, of the Province of Albay, the Province of Sorsogon, the Province of Masbate, and the Province of Catanduanes.

“The Sixteenth Judicial District, of the Province of Capiz.

“The Seventeenth Judicial District, of the Province of Iloilo and the Province of Antique.

“The Eighteenth Judicial District, of the Province of Occidental Negros.

“The Nineteenth Judicial District, of the Province of Oriental Negros and the Subprovince of Siquijor.

“The Twentieth Judicial District, of the Province of Samar.

“The Twenty-first Judicial District, of the Province of Leyte.

“The Twenty-second Judicial District, of the Province of Cebu.

“The Twenty-third Judicial District, of the Province of Bohol.

“The Twenty-fourth Judicial District, of the Province of Agusan, the Province of Surigao, the Province of Oriental Misamis, the Province of Occidental Misamis, the Province of Bukidnon, and the Province of Lanao.

“The Twenty-fifth Judicial District, of the Province of Zamboanga and the Province of Sulu.

“The Twenty-sixth Judicial District, of the Province of Davao and the Province of Cotabato.”

“Sec. 154. Judges of First Instance for Judicial District.--One Judge of First Instance shall be commissioned for each judicial district, except the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-fourth, and twenty-sixth.

“For the Second Judicial District, there shall be two judges, one of whom shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Isabela and the other over that of Nueva Vizcaya.

“For the Third Judicial District, there shall be two judges, one of whom shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Ilocos Norte and the other over the Courts of First Instance of Ilocos Sur and Abra.

“For the Fourth Judicial District, there shall be two judges who shall be known as judges of the first and second branch, respectively.

“For the Fifth Judicial District, there shall be three judges who shall be known as judges of the first, second and third branch, respectively, the judge of the third branch to preside, also, over the Court of First Instance of Zambales.

“For the Sixth Judicial District, there shall be three judges, two of whom shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Nueva Ecija and shall be known as judges of the first and second branch thereof, respectively, and one shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Tarlac.

“For the Seventh Judicial District, there shall be four judges, two of whom shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Pampanga, and shall be known as judges of the first and second branch thereof, respectively, the judge of the second branch to preside, also, over the Court of First Instance of Bataan, and two shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Bulacan and shall be known as judges of the first and second branch thereof, respectively.

“For the Eighth Judicial District, there shall be two judges who shall be known as judges of the first and second branch, respectively, the judge of the second branch to preside, also, over the Court of First Instance of Palawan.

“For the Ninth Judicial District, there shall be nine judges who shall be known as judges of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth branch, respectively.

“For the Tenth Judicial District, there shall be two judges who shall be known as judges of the first and second branch, respectively.

“For the Eleventh Judicial District, there shall be two judges who shall be known as judges of the first and second branch, respectively.

“For the Twelfth Judicial District, there shall be two judges, one of whom shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Batangas, and the other over the Courts of First Instance of Mindoro, Marinduque and Romblon.

“For the Thirteenth Judicial District, there shall be two judges who shall be known as judges of the first and second branch, respectively.

“For the Fourteenth Judicial District, there shall be three judges, two of whom shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Camarines Sur and shall be known as judges of the first and second branch thereof, respectively, and one shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Camarines Norte.

“For the Fifteenth Judicial District, there shall be two judges, one of whom shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Albay and Catanduanes, and the other over those of Sorsogon and Masbate.

“For the Seventeenth Judicial District, there shall be three judges who shall be known as judges of the first, second and third branch, respectively, the judge of the third branch to preside, also, over the Court of First Instance of Antique.

“For the Eighteenth Judicial District, there shall be two judges who shall be known as judges of the first and second branch, respectively.

“For the Twentieth Judicial District, there shall be two judges who shall be known as judges of the first and second branch, respectively, the judge of the first branch to preside over the Court of First Instance at Catbalogan, Samar, and the judge of the second branch over the Court of First Instance at Borongan, same province.

“For the Twenty-first Judicial District, there shall be two judges who shall be known as judges of the first and second branch, respectively, the judge of the first branch to preside over the Court of First Instance at Tacloban, Leyte, and the judge of the second branch over the Court of First Instance at Maasin, same province.

“For the Twenty-second Judicial District, there shall be three judges who shall be known as judges of the first, second and third branch, respectively.

“For the Twenty-fourth Judicial District, there shall be two judges, one of whom shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Surigao and Agusan, and the other over those of Occidental Misamis, Oriental Misamis, Bukidnon and Lanao.

“For the Twenty-sixth Judicial District, there shall be two judges who shall be known as judges of the first and second branch, respectively, the judge of the second branch to preside, also, over the Court of First Instance of Cotabato.”

“Sec. 156. Permanent stations of judges.--The permanent station of judges of the Ninth Judicial District shall be in the City of Manila. Except as herein otherwise provided, in districts comprising only one province, the permanent official station of the judge shall be at the capital of the province.

“In other judicial districts, the permanent stations of the judges shall be as follows:

“For the First District, in the municipality of Tuguegarao, Province of Cagayan.

“For the Second District, one judge shall be stationed in the municipality of Ilagan, Province of Isabela, and the other in the municipality of Bayombong, Province of Nueva Vizcaya.

“For the Third District, one judge shall be stationed in the municipality of Vigan, Province of Ilocos Sur, and the other in the municipality of Laoag, Province of Ilocos Norte.

“For the Fourth District, one judge shall be stationed in the City of Baguio, Mountain Province, and the other in the municipality of San Fernando, Province of La Union.

“For the Fifth District, in the municipality of Lingayen, Province of Pangasinan.

“For the Sixth District, two judges shall be stationed in the municipality of Cabanatuan, Province of Nueva Ecija, and other in the municipality of Tarlac, Province of Tarlac.

“For the Seventh District, two judges shall be stationed in the municipality of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga, and the other two in the municipality of Malolos, Province of Bulacan.

“For the Eighth District, in the City of Cavite, Province of Cavite.

“For the Twelfth District, one judge shall be stationed in the municipality of Batangas, Province of Batangas, and the other in the municipality of Calapan, Province of Mindoro.

“For the Fourteenth District, two judges shall be stationed in the municipality of Naga, Province of Camarines Sur, and the other in the municipality of Daet, Province of Camarines Norte.

“For the Fifteenth District, one judge shall be stationed in the municipality of Legaspi, Province of Albay, and the other in the municipality of Sorsogon, Province of Sorsogon.

“For the Seventeenth District, in the City of Iloilo, Province of Iloilo.

“For the Nineteenth District, in the municipality of Dumaguete, Province of Oriental Negros.

“For the Twentieth District, the judge of the first branch shall be stationed in the municipality of Catbalogan, Province of Samar, and the judge of the second branch in the municipality of Borongan, same province.

“For the Twenty-first District, the judge of the first branch shall be stationed in the municipality of Tacloban, Province of Leyte, and the judge of the second branch in the municipality of Maasin, same province.

“For the Twenty-fourth District, one judge shall be stationed in the municipality of Surigao, Province of Surigao, and the other in the municipality of Cagayan, Province of Oriental Misamis.

“For the Twenty-fifth District, in the City of Zamboanga, Province of Zamboanga.

“For the Twenty-sixth District, one judge shall be stationed in the City of Davao, Province of Davao, and the other in the municipality of Cotabato, Province of Cotabato.”

“Sec. 157. Judges-at-large.--In addition to the judges mentioned in section one hundred and fifty-four hereof, there shall, also, be appointed twelve judges who shall not be assigned permanently to any judicial district and who shall render duty in such districts or provinces as may, from time to time, be designated by the Department Head.”

“Sec. 161. Places and times of holding court.--For the Ninth Judicial District, court shall be held in the City of Manila. In other districts, court shall be held at the places in which the respective judges are permanently stationed, except as hereinafter provided. Sessions of court shall be convened on all working days when there are cases ready for trial or other court business to be dispatched.

“In the following districts, court shall, also, be held at the places and times herein below specified:

“First District: At Aparri, Province of Cagayan, on the first Tuesday of January of each year; and

at Santo Domingo de Basco, Province of Batanes, on the first Tuesday of March of each year. A special term of court shall, also, be held, once a year, in the municipalities of Ballesteros and Tuao, both of the Province of Cagayan, in the discretion of the district judge.

“Third District: At Bangued, Province of Abra, on the first Tuesday of March, June and October of each year.

“Fourth District: The first branch, at Bontoc, Mountain Province, on the first Tuesday of March and November of each year; and, whenever the interests of justice so require, a special term of court shall be held at Lubuagan, Subprovince of Kalinga; and the second branch, at Kiangnan, Mountain Province, on the first Tuesday of March and November of each year.

“Fifth District: At Tayug, Province of Pangasinan, on the first Tuesday of February of each year; and at Iba, Province of Zambales, on the first Tuesday of February and October of each year.

“Seventh District: At Balanga, Province of Bataan, on the first Tuesday of January and June of each year.

“Eighth District: At Coron, Province of Palawan, on the first Monday of March and August of each year; at Cuyo, same province, on the second Thursday of March and August of each year; and at Puerto Princesa, same province, on the fourth Wednesday of March and August of each year.

“Twelfth District: The judge shall hold special term at Lubang Island and San Jose, Province of Mindoro, once every year, as may be determined by him; at Romblon, Province of Romblon, on the first Tuesday of January, May and October, and at Badajos, same province, on the third Tuesday of January, May and October of each year; and at Boac, Province of Marinduque, on the first Tuesday of March and July of each year.

“Thirteenth District: At Infanta, Province of Tayabas, for the municipalities of Infanta, Casiguran, Baler and Polillo, on the first Tuesday of June of each year.

“Fifteenth District: At Virac, Province of Catanduanes, on the first Tuesday of March and September of each year; and at Masbate, Province of Masbate, on the first Tuesday of February, June and October of each year.

“Sixteenth District: At Kalibo, Province of Capiz, not to exceed two months in each year, to be set at the discretion of the district judge, with the approval of the Secretary of Justice.

“Seventeenth District: At San Jose, Province of Antique, on the first Tuesday of February, June and October of each year; and at Culasi, same province, on the first Tuesday of December of each year.

“Nineteenth District: At Larena, Subprovince of Siquijor, on the first Tuesday of August of each year.

“Twentieth District: The first branch, at Catarman, Province of Samar, on the first Tuesday of March of each year; and at Calbayog, same province, on the first Tuesday of September of each year; and the second branch, at Guiuan, same province, on the first Tuesday of February of each year; and at Laoang, same province, on the first Tuesday of October of each year.

“Twenty-first District: The second branch, at Ormoc, Province of Leyte, on the first Tuesday of December of each year.

“Twenty-fourth District: At Cantilan, Province of Surigao, on the first Tuesday of August of each year; at Butuan, Province of Agusan, on the first Tuesday of March and October of each year; a special term of court shall, also, be held once a year in either the municipality of Tandag or the municipality of Hinatuan, Province of Surigao, in the discretion of the district judge; at Oroquieta, Province of Occidental Misamis, on the first Tuesday of November and June of each year; at Mambajao, Province of Oriental Misamis, on the first Tuesday of March of each year; and at Malaybalay, Province of Bukidnon, on the first Tuesday of December of each year. A special term of court shall, likewise, be

held, once a year, either in the municipality of Talisayan or in the municipality of Gingoog, Province of Oriental Misamis, in the discretion of the district judge; at Iligan, Province of Lanao, on the first Tuesday of September of each year, but the September term for the Province of Lanao may be held at Dansalan, same province, in the discretion of the district judge.

“Twenty-fifth District: At Dipolog, Province of Zamboanga, on the first Tuesday of January and June of each year; and at Jolo, Province of Sulu, on the first Tuesday of March and October of each year. The office of the clerk of Court of First Instance at Dapitan, Province of Zamboanga, is hereby transferred to Dipolog, same province.

“Twenty-sixth District: The second branch, at Davao, Province of Davao, on the first Tuesday of March and November of each year. At Baganga and Mati, Province of Davao, and at Glan, Province of Cotabato, terms of court shall be held at least once a year on the dates to be fixed by the district judges of the first and second branch, respectively.

“Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, whenever weather conditions, the condition of the roads or means of transportation, the number of cases or the interest of the administration of justice require it, the Secretary of Justice may advance or postpone the term of court or transfer the place of holding the same to another municipality within the same judicial district; and, in land registration cases, to any other place more convenient to the parties.”

2. Any district judge of First Instance, judge-at-large or Cadastral judge, appointed to the People’s Court, as provided in Commonwealth Act Numbered Six hundred and eighty-two, may be appointed to any position of district judge or judge-at-large of First Instance, and his acceptance of such appointment shall not constitute a relinquishment of his office as judge of the People’s Court.

3. There is appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred and two thousand pesos, for the payment of the salaries of the additional judges herein provided.

4. This Order shall take effect upon its issuance.

Done at the City of Manila, this 31st day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**

Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 90

AMENDING SECTIONS 28 AND 30 OF ACT NO. 1459, KNOWN AS THE CORPORATION LAW, AS AMENDED, IN SO FAR AS THEY APPLY TO CORPORATIONS, OTHER THAN BANKS, IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS OR MAY HAVE A VESTED INTEREST, PURSUANT TO THE POWERS GRANTED OR DELEGATED BY THE TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT, AS AMENDED, AND SIMILAR ACTS OF CONGRESS RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT, OR BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9095 OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AS HERETOFORE OR HEREAFTER AMENDED, OR BOTH.

WHEREAS, under the authority of the Act of Congress of the United States known as the Trading with the Enemy Act, as amended, and Executive Order No. 9095 of the President of the United States, as amended, the Alien Property Custodian is duly empowered to vest the title to shares of stock in corporations owned by persons who have been found and determined to be nationals of a designated enemy country, to be held, used, administered, liquidated, sold or otherwise dealt with in the interest and for the benefit of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the national interest of the United States and of the Philippines requires the amendment of the provisions of certain sections of the Corporation Law of the Philippines hereinafter mentioned, which, if enforced in their present form, would impede the execution, by the Government of the United States and its agents, of the powers granted or delegated by the Trading with the Enemy Act and said Executive Order No. 9095, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, particularly Commonwealth Act No. 671, do hereby order:

1. Sections 28 and 30 of Act No. 1459, known as the Corporation Law, are hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 28. Unless otherwise provided in this Act, the corporate powers of all corporations formed under this Act shall be exercised, all business conducted and all property of such corporation controlled and held by a board of not less than five nor more than eleven directors to be elected from among the holders of stock, or, where there is no stock, from the members of the corporation: Provided, however, That in corporations, other than banks, in which the United States has or may have a vested interest, pursuant to the powers granted or delegated by the Trading with the Enemy Act, as amended, and similar Acts of Congress of the United States relating to the same subject, or by Executive Order No. 9095 of the President of the United States, as heretofore or hereafter amended, or both, the directors need not be elected from among the holders of stock, or, where there is no stock, from the members of the corporation.”

“Sec. 30. Every director must own in his own right at least one share of the capital stock of the stock corporation of which he is a director, which stock shall stand in his name on the books of the corporation. Any director who ceases to be the owner of at least one share of the capital stock of a stock corporation of which he is a director shall thereby cease to be a director. Directors of all other corporations must be members thereof: Provided, however, That this provision shall not apply to corporations, other than banks, in which the United States has or may have a vested interest, pursuant to the powers granted or delegated by the Trading with the Enemy Act, as amended, and similar Acts of Congress of the United States relating to the same subject or by Executive Order No. 9095 of the President of the United States, as heretofore or hereafter amended, or both: And provided, further, That at least two of the directors of all corporations organized under this Act must be residents of the Philippines.”

2. This Executive Order shall be effective until such time as the Congress of the Philippines shall provide otherwise.

Done at the City of Manila, this 4th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 91
FIXING NEW CEILING PRICES OF ALL COMMODITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to revise and issue a new schedule of ceiling prices during the present emergency in view of changed conditions in trade and commerce; and

WHEREAS, the public interest requires that a reasonable schedule of ceiling prices be established and fixed for all articles, commodities and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The following essential commodities shall not be sold at more than the maximum retail prices set opposite each:

FOODSTUFFS - IMPORTED

Canned Milk

Evaporated	₱.35 per 14-1/2 oz. tin
Condensed	.52 per 14 oz. tin
Powdered:	
Lactogen powdered whole milk	2.50 per 1-lb. can 6.00 per 2-1/2 lb. can
Other powdered milk	2.00 per 1-lb. can

Flour and Flour Products:

Canadian	.40 a kilo 8.50 per sack of 50 lbs.
American or Australian	.35 a kilo 7.50 per sack of 50 lbs.
Corn Starch or Flour Starch	.65 a kilo
Bread:	
American loaf	.30 350-grams loaf
Pan de Sal	.03 20-grams piece

Coffee

Roasted, ground	1.50 per 1-lb. can or glass jar 3.00 per 2-lb. can or glass jar
Raw Beans	₱0.50 a kilo

Canned Fish or Meat

Sardines, Oval	.40 per 15-oz. can
Sardines, Pilchards	.37 per 15-oz. can
Mackerel	.38 per 15-oz. can
Pork and Beans	.45 per 1-lb. can
Corned Beef	.60 per 16-oz. can

Salted Fish

In brine50 a lb.

Baking Powder

All brands 2.60 per 5-lb. can
5.20 per 10-lb. can

Yeast 2.00 per lb.

Sugar

Refined 1.20 a kilo

Golden Brown 1.10 a kilo

Muscovado80 a kilo

Panocha70 a kilo

Other Foods

Garbanzos55 a kilo

Garlic 1.80 a kilo

Onions50 a kilo

Apples12 each

Prunes 1.50 a kilo

Potatoes30 a kilo

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Galvanized Sheets:

	<u>Corrugated</u>					<u>Plain</u>
	<u>6'</u>	<u>7'</u>	<u>8'</u>	<u>9'</u>	<u>10'</u>	<u>3' x 8'</u>
No. 30	₱3.27	₱3.82	₱4.36	₱4.91	₱5.46	₱4.36
" 28	3.61	4.20	4.80	5.42	6.01	4.80
" 26	3.89	4.54	5.20	5.83	6.48	5.20
" 24	4.75	5.55	6.33	7.13	7.92	6.33

Reinforced Steel Bars – 30 to 40 ft. (Plain Rounds, Round Corrugated, Square Corrugated and Square Deformed)

Sizes:	<u>1/4"</u>	<u>3/8"</u>	<u>1/2"</u>	<u>5/8"</u>	<u>3/4" to 1-1/2"</u>
Price per kilo	₱0.44	₱0.39	₱0.37	₱0.36	₱0.35

Common Wire Nails - 100-1b. keg

Sizes:	<u>1"</u>	<u>1-1/4"</u>	<u>1-1/2"</u>	<u>2"</u>
Per Keg	₱31.97	₱30.41	₱28.40	₱27.27
Per Kilo	.70	.67	.63	.60
	<u>2-1/2" to 3-1/2"</u>	<u>4" to 4-1/2"</u>	<u>5" to 8"</u>	
Per Keg	₱26.09	₱25.50	₱26.07	
Per Kilo	.57	.56	.57	

Galvanized Plain Wire - 100-1b. Rolls

Nos.	<u>6/8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16/17</u>	<u>18/19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>
Pr. Roll	₱27.25	₱27.64	₱28.05	₱29.42	₱33.35	₱39.62	₱41.20	₱47.2

Galvanized Pipes

	<u>1/2"</u>	<u>3/4"</u>	<u>1"</u>	<u>1-1/4"</u>	<u>1-1/2"</u>	<u>2"</u>	<u>2-1/2"</u>	<u>3"</u>	<u>4"</u>
Pr. Meter	₱1.14	₱1.45	₱2.07	₱2.78	₱3.35	₱4.50	₱7.20	₱9.30	₱14.00

Roofing Nails - 100-lb. keg

	<u>2-1/2" × #6</u>	<u>2" × #8</u>
Per Keg	₱37.96	₱38.73
Per Kilo	.84	.86

Cement 94-lb. bag ₱3.40 a bag

PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTSBond Paper:

22" × 34" – 26#/500's rms.	₱15.00 per ream
28" × 34" – 33#/ " "	19.80 " "
22" × 34" – 32#/ " "	17.28 " "
28" × 34" – 41#/ " "	22.14 " "

Bond Paper: T.W.

8-1/2" × 11" – /500's	2.57 " "
8-1/2" × 13" – "	3.25 " "

Book Paper

25" × 38" – 40#/500's	21.60 " "
25" × 38" – 45#/ "	24.30 " "
25" × 38" – 50#/ "	27.00 " "

White Newsprint

24" × 36" – 32#/500's	9.90 " "
30" × 42" – 47# "	14.55 " "

Wrapping: Kraft or Manila Paper

36" × 48" – 50#/500's	18.00 " "
36" × 48" – 60#/ "	21.60 " "
36" × 48" – 80#/ "	28.80 " "
36" × 48" – 100#/ "	36.00 " "

Toilet Paper

100 sheets 4 – 1/2" (100 rolls to case)	₱30.00 per case
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Chipboard: Bundles of 50 lbs. 10.16 per bundle

Graded Pads – 100 leaves to pad

Grade I	.27 per pad
Grade II	.29 " "
Grade III	.29 " "
Grade IV	.29 " "

Writing Intermediate Pads – 72 leaves to pad

Made of: White bond or Writing Paper	.55 per pad
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Composition Note Books – 48 leaves to book

Made of: White Bond or Writing Paper	.36 per book
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LIQUOR, IMPORTED

Whisky, Brandy, Gin and Rum 9.00 per bottle of 750 cc.

IMPORTED CIGARETTES

All Brands36 per package of 20 cigarettes

FOODSTUFFS – LOCAL

Cereals, Dried Beans and their products

Rice (Native or Foreign)	1.20 per ganta
Corn	.50 " "
Mongo	1.50

Meat - fresh

a) Beef:

Pure meat	3.00 per kilo
Meat and bones	1.30 " "

b) Pork:

Pure meat	3.00 per kilo
Meat and bones	1.30 " "

Poultry and Eggs

a) Chicken

Sisiw	.80 each
Dumalaga	2.00 "
Inahin	2.50 "
Tandang	2.25 "

b) Eggs

Duck's, balut	.35 each
" fresh	.20 "
Duck's, salted	₱0.20 "
Hen's – native	.15 "
Leghorn	.25 "

Shortening, Spices, Sauces and others

Edible Oil	₱0.90 a kilo
Pork Lard	1.75 " "
Vinegar	.12 per tansan bottle of 170 cc.

F I S H

Fresh Fish

Bangus	₱2.00 a kilo
Sugpo	5.50 " "

All other fresh fish

1. First Classss	3. 75 a kilo
Aguot	Bidbid
Albacora	Bisugo (large)
Alumahan	Bitilla
Apahap	Buñguan
Bacoco	Espada
Bambangin	Hasahasa
Banak	Lapulapu
2. Second Class	1.75 a kilo
Alakaak	Pugita
Asohos	Salaysalay
Batalay	Salmon

Biang Puti	Sam	
Bisugo (small)	Sapsap (malaway)	
Buan-buan	Saramullete	
Cabase (suagan)	Talilong	
Dalag	Tamban	
Dalagang Bukid	Torcillo	
Kitang	Tulingan	
Lapad (big)	Tunsoy	
Oriles		
3. Third Class		1.50 a kilo
Ayungin	Loro	
Babaong	Martinico	
Buguing	Palos	
Cabasi	Pindanga	
Calaso	Sapsap (malaway, small)	
Dilis	Silinyasi	
Espada (medium)	Talimusak	
Igat		
4. Fourth Class		₱1.00 a kilo
Dalagang Bukid,	Labahita (small)	
bilog, small	Pagui (pinosta)	
Espada (small)	Papakol	
Gourami	Pating (pinosta)	
Kanduli Araham (small)	Sapsap (small)	
	Talagunton	
<u>Dried, smoked or preserved fish</u>		
Tuyo, Tunsoy		1.50 a kilo
Dried Dilis		1.50 " "
Bagoong Alamang		.40 " "
Bagoong Dilis		.35 " "

BUILDING MATERIALS

<u>Sawali</u>	.75 per sq. meter
<u>Nipa Shingles</u>	
First Class	30.00 per 1000
Second Class	20.00 per 1000
<u>Bamboo</u>	
First Class	3.00 each
Second Class	2.30 "
Third Class	1.80 "
<u>Rattan, Split</u>	
1. Big Roll (100 pcs., 4 m. × 1/3")	2.50 per roll
2. Small Roll (100 pcs., 3-1/2 m. × 1/4")	1.25 per roll
<u>Adobe</u>	30.00 per 100
<u>Gravel</u>	15.00 per cu. meter

FUEL AND ILLUMINATION

<u>1. Charcoal</u>	
a) Bakawan	.40 per ganta
b) Bundok	.15 " "
<u>2. Coconut Oil</u>	
	.20 a liter
<u>3. Firewood</u>	
a) Bakawan, 55 cm. × 80 cm.	1.20 a bundle
b) Bundok, 30 cm. × 30 cm.	.15 a bundle

CIGARS AND CIGARETTES

Cigars - eachSecond Class

Alcaldes	₱0.40
La Insular	.25
Santillan	.25

Third Class

Chicas	.15
Damas	.15
Dad	.15
Hacenderas	.25
Invencible	.25

Cigarettes – per packageLocal:

Package of 30	.30
Package of 20:	.20
Virginia Blend	
Native Tobacco	.20

SEC. 2. For articles or commodities not specified above and whose prices have not been specifically determined, the following maximum retailer's mark-ups over landed cost are hereby prescribed and promulgated:

1) Foodstuffs of all kinds	50%
2) Hardware, Plumbing and Electrical Fixtures and Building Materials	70%
3) Drugs, medicines and medical, dental and optical supplies and equipment	80%
4) Jewelry, watches, novelties, cosmetics, toys and other luxury articles	100%
5) Paper products, stationery and school supplies	70%
6) Newsprint and printing supplies	60%
7) Automobiles, trucks and automobile equipment	50%
8) Automobile and truck spare parts of all kinds	100%
9) Office furniture, equipment and fixtures	80%
10) Shoes (new or old), ready-made clothes, thread buttons and milliners ' and athletic supplies	85%
11) Other tobacco products, pipes, cigarette holders, etc.	70%
12) Textiles of all kinds	60%

13) Industrial and agricultural machineries, railway equipment, parts and accessories, including elevators and sewing machines	100%
14) Soap and all toilet articles and preparations	70%
15) All other products not specifically listed	50%

Retail sales as specified in this section shall be construed to mean sales made to ultimate consumers.

SEC. 3. The maximum ceiling prices for retailers of articles, commodities and merchandise, imported into the Philippines under the provisions of the preceding section, shall be computed on the basis of the landed cost of any specific commodity plus a margin of profit not exceeding the mark-up prescribed in Section 2 hereof. The term “landed cost” shall consist of the CIF valued at Manila or any other port of landing, plus expenses for arrastre, brokerage, handling, discharge, banking and cable charges, insurance against theft and pilferage and delivery expenses.

SEC. 4. The Philippine Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, through its agents in the Price Control Division, shall have the power to examine and investigate invoices, books, records, and accounts of any importer, wholesaler or retailer for the purpose of computing or determining the ceiling prices of any imported article, commodity or merchandise.

SEC. 5. For all places outside the City of Manila or outside the territorial jurisdiction of the port of landing, the ceiling prices of articles or commodities specified in Section 1 hereof, or all articles the maximum retailers’ price of which are to be computed in accordance with Section 3 hereof, shall be increased by a reasonable amount per unit representing actual transportation and handling expenses and other necessary and unavoidable expenses incurred or to be incurred by the retailer in taking the goods to the place of resale.

No article or commodity which is raised, produced or manufactured in the Philippines shall be sold in the City of Manila at a price in excess of the maximum fixed for the same or similar imported article or commodity. In the center of production or manufacture of locally made products or articles, or in various places or areas where products of the Philippines are raised, grown, produced or manufactured, the maximum selling price shall be ten per centum (10%) less than the maximum selling price fixed for the same or similar articles in the City of Manila. In areas or places where articles or commodities of the Philippines are not raised, grown or produced, the maximum selling price shall be the maximum selling price for the same or similar article or commodity in the City of Manila, plus ten per centum (10%) thereof, plus actual expenses for transportation, handling, and other expenses to the place where the said article is to be sold or consumed which, in no case, shall not exceed ten per centum (10%) of the maximum selling price thus fixed for the same or similar article in the City of Manila.

SEC. 6. There is hereby created a Price Fixing Committee to be composed of the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce as Chairman, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Health and Public Welfare, and two representatives of the duly organized chambers of commerce in the City of Manila, as members. The Price Fixing Committee shall have the power to increase or decrease the price ceiling herein specified, or provide a higher or lower mark-up for wholesalers or retailers, depending upon changes in the cost of production, manufacture, transportation, and other factors affecting prices, provided that the retailer shall have a margin of profit of not less than 10% nor more than 15% over the operating expenses.

SEC. 7. Any person who shall refuse to sell any article, commodity or merchandise displayed in his store or place of business, where a maximum selling price is fixed, shall be punished, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of Commonwealth Act No. 600, as amended.

SEC. 8. All retailers or vendors of articles, commodities or merchandise, inside or outside of the public markets, are hereby required to post in a conspicuous place, at the entrance of their stores, or within said premises, a list of all the articles being sold by them with their respective retail selling prices. In addition, all such retailers or vendors are hereby ordered to place within plain view of the buying public price tags on all articles or commodities offered for sale or displayed on sale.

SEC. 9. All Executive Orders and all Emergency Control Administration Orders or any of the provisions thereof which are in conflict or inconsistent with this Order or any of its provisions are hereby repealed.

SEC. 10. This Executive Order shall take effect two days after the date of its promulgation.

Done at the City of Manila, this 5th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**

Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 92
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE NATIONAL
COCONUT CORPORATION, THE AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL BANK,
AND THE MANILA HOTEL COMPANY.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby order that the sum of Four million pesos, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the rehabilitation of the National Coconut Corporation, the Agricultural and Industrial Bank and the Manila Hotel Company as follows:

1. Additional appropriation for the special fund known as the “Coconut Industry Promotion Fund” created by Commonwealth Act No. 518, entitled “An Act to establish the National Coconut Corporation” P1,000,000.00
2. Loan to the Agricultural and Industrial Bank 2,000,000.00
3. Loan to the Manila Hotel Company 1,000,000.00

The loans authorized in this Order shall be granted under such terms and conditions as may be arranged by the Secretary of Finance.

Done at the City of Manila, this 12th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 93
APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF THIRTEEN MILLION PESOS FOR PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, important public works projects, such as bridges, roads, artesian wells, waterworks, river control works, sea protection works, irrigation systems, and public buildings, have been destroyed or damaged or their construction and improvement suspended on account of war operations;

WHEREAS, it is deemed urgent that those public works projects be repaired or reconstructed, or their construction undertaken, for the social and economic rehabilitation of the people; and

WHEREAS, further abandonment of these projects would not only retard recovery and revival of trade, commerce, industry and agriculture so indispensable in the economic life of the country, but would also expose them to further damages of greater proportion, thus necessitating a vast outlay of public funds for their repair or reconstruction and maintenance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the existing laws of the Philippines, do hereby set aside the sum of Thirteen million pesos or so much thereof as may be necessary out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be allotted by the Secretary of Public Works and Communications, and expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works, for the purposes specified hereunder:

1. For the maintenance and repair of national roads, including the purchase of necessary materials, supplies and equipment	P3,000,000.00
2. For aid to provinces and chartered cities for the construction, maintenance and repair of provincial roads and city streets, including the purchase of necessary materials, supplies and equipment	5,500,000.00
3. For aid to municipalities for the construction, maintenance, and repair of municipal or barrio roads, including the purchase of necessary materials, supplies and equipment	1,320,000.00
4. For the repair and drilling of artesian wells, reconditioning and/or repair of drilling machines, maintenance of well drilling tools and equipment, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment	200,000.00
5. For aid for the repair, construction and improvement of water supply systems, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment	500,000.00
6. For the completion, maintenance, repair and improvement of existing river control works, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment	325,000.00
7. For the maintenance, repair and improvement of existing sea protection works, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment	200,000.00

8. For the construction, repair, reconstruction and improvement of national irrigation systems, including the purchase of necessary supplies, materials and equipment	800,000.00
9. For the investigation and surveys of irrigation projects, including the purchase of the necessary supplies, materials and equipment	50,000.00
10. For the investigation and study of the flood control and drainage of Manila and the towns bordering Laguna Lake, including the purchase of the necessary supplies, materials and equipment	30,000.00
11. For the investigation, survey and adjudication of water rights, including the purchase of the necessary supplies, materials and equipment	20,000.00
12. For the maintenance and repair of ports	55,000.00
13. For the repair of national buildings, and the alteration, reconstruction and repair of public buildings including private buildings and lots rented by the Government including the purchase of the necessary supplies, materials and equipment; provided that this fund shall not be used to improve, alter, in such a manner as to make it appear practically new	1,000,000.00

The appropriations herein provided shall be reimbursed to the General Fund from the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized under Commonwealth Act No. 618: Provided, That the balances of the said appropriations the destination of which has not been determined by proper authority on June 30, 1947, and the balances of appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 1948, shall revert to the bond fund concerned.

Done in the City of Manila, this 14th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
 (Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 94

REVOKING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 4 RELATING TO REDEMPTION, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, OF EMERGENCY CURRENCY NOTES POSSESSED BY MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN FORCES REPATRIATED FOR HEALTH AND OTHER REASONS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, the hostilities in connection with the War in the Pacific have already ceased; and
WHEREAS, the circumstances which justified the grant of temporary measure of relief under Administrative Order No. 4, dated December 28, 1944, no longer exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, do hereby order:

1. Administrative Order No. 4, dated December 28, 1944, is hereby revoked: Provided, however, That all applications for relief thereunder which were acted upon favorably by the proper authorities of the United States Armed Forces in the Far East prior to December 31, 1945, may be paid.

2. In addition to the amount of P50,000 previously authorized for the purpose of said Administrative Order, the sum of P10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the claims referred to in the preceding paragraph hereof, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done at the City of Manila, this 19th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**

Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 95

REVOKING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 332, DATED MARCH 14, 1941, ENTITLED
“PROHIBITING THE PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TO OFFICERS AND
EMPLOYEES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT INCLUDING THOSE ON THE BOARDS OF
MANAGEMENT OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED ENTERPRISES.”

WHEREAS, the payment of additional compensation to officers and employees of the National Government including those on the Boards of Management of Government-owned and controlled enterprises, was suspended by Executive Order No. 332, dated March 14, 1941 due to the circumstances then obtaining; and

WHEREAS, conditions since that time have so changed as to require the revival of the payment of per diems to these officers and employees who, by the nature of their training, preparation, and position, are required to render extra services to the different boards of government and semi-government entities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws of the Philippines, do hereby revoke Executive Order No. 332, dated March 14, 1941.

This Order shall take effect upon its approval.

Done at the City of Manila, this 20th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 96
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE BOARD ON PENSIONS
FOR VETERANS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

WHEREAS, Commonwealth Act No. 710 appropriating Two million pesos for the payment of retirement gratuities or pensions to all persons who, under existing laws, have been receiving such gratuities or pensions failed to provide for the operating expenses of the Board on Pensions for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the said Board be provided with funds to enable it to carry out its functions under the provisions of Commonwealth Act No. 605 and to pay the veterans' pensions authorized in Commonwealth Act No. 710;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws of the Philippines, do hereby appropriate the sum of Ten thousand pesos or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the operating expenses of the Board on Pensions for Veterans for the period from January 1 to June 30, 1946, subject to the provisions of section 7-I(4), as amended, of Commonwealth Act No. 246.

Done at the City of Manila, this 26th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
JOSE S. REYES
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 97
ORGANIZING CERTAIN BARRIOS AND SITIOS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTIAGO,
PROVINCE OF ISABELA, INTO AN INDEPENDENT MUNICIPALITY
UNDER THE NAME OF SAN MATEO

Upon the recommendation of the Provincial Board of Isabela, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Finance, and pursuant to the provisions of section 68 of the Revised Administrative Code, the sixteen municipalities of the province of Isabela, as established under section 38 of the Revised Administrative Code, are hereby increased to seventeen, by segregating from the municipality of Santiago, the barrios of Marasat Grande, Marasat Pequeño, Oscariz, Salinungan, and Sinamar, and the sitios of San Miguel, Nambacalan, Puroc ni Bulan, Bantug Petinez, Bantug Silverio, Cabicalan, Tao-tao, Macanuang, Bulusucan, Cadanglaan, Tandul, Gadan, Baluno, San Mateo, Villa Fuerte, Villa Magat, Curag Sur, Daramuangan Norte, and Daramuangan Sur, and organizing the same into an independent municipality under the name of San Mateo, with the seat of government in the barrio of Marasat Grande.

The municipality of San Mateo as herein organized shall consist of the territory comprised in the barrios of Marasat Grande, Marasat Pequeño, Oscariz, Salinungan, and Sinamar, and the sitios of San Miguel, Nambacalan, Puroc ni Bulan, Bantug Petinez, Bantug Silverio, Cabicalan, Tao-tao, Macanuang, Bulusucan, Cadanglaan, Tandul, Gadan, Baluno, San Mateo, Villa Fuerte, Villa Magat, Curag Sur, Daramuangan Norte, and Daramuangan Sur, and shall have the following boundaries:

“A straight line from M. B. M. No. 1 passing thru Kilometer Post No. 350 on the National Road as of 1945, to the boundary line between Isabela and Mountain Province as laid in Santiago Cadastral Survey No. 211, Case No. 11, thence it shall follow this line and prolonged until it meets the Tao-tao River, then it follows the course of Tao-tao River to the Magat River, follow the course of the Magat River until it shall intersect the north east boundary which is a straight line drawn from Point “A” (which is 3 kilometers on the prolongation of M.B.M. No. 29 and M.B.M. No. 28), thru Kilometer Post 370 on the National Road to the Magat River. The south-east Boundary shall be as laid in Santiago Cadastral Survey No. 211, Cases Nos. 6 and 10.”

The municipality of Santiago shall consist of its present territory minus the territory comprised in the municipality of San Mateo.

The organization herein made shall take effect on March 17, 1946, subject to the condition that the municipality of San Mateo shall assume its proportionate share of the indebtedness of the municipality of Santiago to the loan fund under the administration of the Agricultural and Industrial Bank as may be outstanding on the aforesaid date.

Done at the City of Manila, this 7th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 98
CREATING A NATIONAL URBAN PLANNING COMMISSION AND DEFINING
ITS POWERS AND DUTIES

WHEREAS, many of our cities have been destroyed on account of war operations and it is necessary that plans be prepared for their rebuilding; and

WHEREAS, city planning is now a recognized governmental function; and

WHEREAS, the substance of this Order embodies the provisions of the National Urban Planning bill which was passed by the Congress of the Philippines in its last Second Special Session, but was subject to presidential veto because the bill was rendered unconstitutional by the inclusion of two members of the Congress of the Philippines on the commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws of the Philippines, do hereby create a National Urban Planning Commission to prepare general plans, zoning ordinances, and subdivision regulations, to guide and accomplish a coordinated, adjusted, harmonious reconstruction and future development of urban areas which will in accordance with present and future needs, best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development; including among other things, adequate provisions for traffic, the promotion of safety from fire and other dangers, adequate provision for light and air, the promotion of healthful and convenient distribution of populations; the promotion of good civic design and arrangement, economic, wise, efficient and equitable expenditure of public funds, and the adequate provision of public utilities and other public requirements.

Section 1. Definitions. - “Building” means any structure for the shelter, housing, or enclosure of any person, animal or chattel.

“Commission” means the National Urban Planning Commission of the Philippines created by this Order.

“Land” includes both land and water, the air above them or the land beneath them.

“Legislative body” includes any Provincial, Chartered City, or Municipal Council or Board and the Congress of the Philippines.

“Plat” includes plat, plan, plot or replot.

“Street” means, relates to and includes roads, streets, highways, avenues, boulevards, freeways, parkways, lanes, alleys or other ways or any part or parts thereof.

“Subdivision” means the division of a tract or parcel of land into two or more lots, sites or other divisions for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of sale or building development, and includes resubdivision, and, when appropriate to the context, relates to the process of subdividing or to the land or area subdivided.

“Three-fourths vote” means three-fourths of the total number of votes which all the members of any legislative body is entitled to cast except that in the case of the Congress of the Philippines three-fourths of any quorum shall constitute a three-fourths vote.

“Urban area” means such areas as, from time to time, may be so designated by the Commission and includes each political entity thereof.

Sec. 2. Composition of the Commission.—The National Urban Planning Commission shall have a permanent head to be known as Director of Planning with the rank and salary of an Undersecretary of Department, who shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Commission on Appointments.

The Commission shall be composed of a chairman and five members to be appointed by the President with the consent of the Commission on Appointments, for a term of six years, and shall receive a per diem not exceeding twenty pesos for each meeting actually attended. In making the first appointment of the members of the Commission, two shall be appointed for a period of two years, two members for a period of four years, and two members for a period of six years. The members of the Commission shall be subject to removal at the will of the President, and in case of any vacancy in the membership of the Commission, a successor shall be appointed to serve only for the unexpired portion of the term of the respective member. In the absence of the chairman, the Commission may designate one of its members as temporary chairman.

The National Urban Planning Commission shall be under the direct control and supervision of the President of the Philippines. The President may designate any of his technical advisers, or officials of any Executive Department to act as advisers to the Commission.

Sec. 3. Powers and duties of the Commission. - (a) The Commission shall designate land areas as urban areas and may, from time to time, amend such designation so as to enlarge or decrease the land area included in an urban area. Each urban area may include one or more barrios, “Centro de Poblacion,” municipalities, and chartered cities, their environs, and such other areas as the Commission may determine to be a present or future functional part thereof. Any urban area which is composed of more than one political unit may be designated by its principal unit preceded by the word “metropolitan.” Such designation by the Commission shall in no way affect existing political boundaries or jurisdictions.

(b) The Commission shall make and adopt or cause to be made or adopted:

(1) General Plans, either as a whole or in sections, from time to time, which it may from time to time amend, extend or add to, for the physical development of urban areas or any part thereof, accompanied with maps, plats, charts, and descriptive explanatory matter, showing the Commission’s recommendations for the said physical development of urban areas including among other things, the general location, character, and extent of streets, parking spaces, viaducts, bridges, waterways, water fronts, boulevards, parkways, playgrounds, squares, parks, aviation fields, and other public ways, ground and open spaces; the general location and extent of areas suitable for residential development subsidized in whole or in part by public funds or assistance; the general location of public buildings and properties; the general location and extent of public utilities, terminals, and markets, whether publicly or privately owned or operated, for water supply, power, sanitation, transportation, communication, distribution and other purposes; the acceptance, widening, removal, extension, relocation, narrowing, vacating, abandonment, or change of use of any of the foregoing public ways, grounds, places, open spaces, buildings, properties, utilities, terminals, or markets;

(2) Regulations establishing in urban areas or any part thereof by district or zones the use and development of public and private lands and buildings for such purposes as industry, trade, transportation, residence, public or semi-public and civic activities, parks

and recreation; and for buildings including the height of, and area covered by buildings; the density of population and of occupancy; business and advertising signs, in connection with which, restrictions regarding such factors as size and projection over street lines may be adopted; proportion of the lot on which buildings may be constructed; and sizes of lots, courts, and other open spaces and the minimum distance of buildings from streets and adjoining properties; and

(3) Regulations which shall govern the subdivision of land in any urban area or part thereof. Such regulations referring to the form of development proposed may include provisions for streets; for light, air, and density of population and of occupancy; for water, drainage, and sanitary facilities; for lot sizes and shapes; for obligatory reservations of a reasonable minimum area for schools, parks, and other public purposes, and for the extent and manner in which these facilities shall be installed as a condition precedent to the approval of a plat, all of which provisions shall promote a sound relationship between any such proposed development and the uses of the surrounding land. The Commission shall appoint the City or District Engineer, as the case may be, having jurisdiction of the area affected by any subdivision regulations to act as the Administrative Agency to administer the same in accordance with this Order.

(c) The Commission may require all public officials to furnish to it, within a reasonable time, such available information as may be necessary and proper for its work and may arrange with such officials for such joint or special studies as may be of mutual concern. The Commission may call upon public officials for the purpose of coordinating specific plans which have been prepared by them and which affect the development of urban areas. The Commission, its members and employees, in the performance of its work, may enter any land after due notice to the owner or administrator thereof and make examinations and surveys and place and maintain necessary monuments and markers thereon. The Commission may accept and expend gifts for making special studies under this Order and may utilize such assistance as may be made available to it by other public and private agencies.

(d) The Commission shall have power to cooperate with the National Housing Commission in the location of housing projects and the elimination of substandard housing conditions, the alleviation of blighted residential areas, and the conservation of existing high standard residential areas for the promotion of the general plan and in connection therewith to conduct such surveys and studies as are necessary.

(e) In general, the Commission shall have such powers as may be necessary to enable it to perform its purposes and promote urban planning.

(f) The Commission shall adopt rules for its transactions, findings and determinations, which shall be of public record.

Sec. 4. Planning Director and Staff. - The Director of Planning shall be at the same time the Executive Officer of the Commission. He shall:

(a) Have full charge and control of all technical work of the Commission as well as the proper administration of its affairs.

(b) Appoint, subject to the approval of the Commission and the Bureau of Civil Service, prescribe their duties and fix their salary or compensation, such planners, engineers, architects, landscape architects, economists, sociologists, attorneys and other technical and clerical employees as may be required and within the appropriation available therefor and may, subject to the approval by the Commission, contract for, temporarily, without regard to the Civil Service Act, the necessary services of any Consultants.

(c) Prepare for official action by the Commission (1) General Plans as described in this Order, for the physical development of urban areas, amendments to such general plans, including all resolutions, maps, diagrams, charts and reports which may be necessary or advisable in making the same; (2) all proposed zoning regulations and requirements and amendments thereto for urban areas establishing the necessary districts or zones in connection therewith including all resolutions, maps, charts and diagrams which may be necessary or advisable in the making of such zoning regulations; (3) all proposed subdivision regulations and requirements relative to the design and improvement of subdivisions of land in urban areas including all resolutions, maps, charts, and diagrams which may be necessary or advisable in the making of such subdivision regulations.

(d) Undertake such other duties as may be necessary and proper in carrying out the policies of the Commission.

Sec. 5. Public Hearing. - Before adopting or amending any resolution, regulation or general plan, the Commission shall hold a public hearing after giving public notice of the time, place and nature thereof in the manner that the Commission shall deem adequate.

Sec. 6. Legal Status of General Plans. - Wherever the Commission shall have adopted a General Plan, amendment, extension or addition thereto of any urban area or any part thereof, then and thenceforth no street, park or other public way, ground, place, or space; no public building or structure, including residential buildings subsidized in whole or part by public funds or assistance; or no public utility whether publicly or privately owned, shall be constructed or authorized in such urban area until and unless the location and extent thereof conform to said general plan or have been submitted and approved by the Commission, except that the Commission may delegate its authority to approve to the District Engineer of the Engineering District in which said urban area or any part thereof is located: Provided, That in case of disapproval, the Commission or the District Engineer, as the case may be, shall communicate the reasons for such disapproval to the legislative body authorizing the construction of or constructing any such improvement: And provided, further, That such legislative body may overrule such disapproval by three-fourths vote and upon such overruling shall have the power to proceed. The widening, narrowing, relocation, vacating, change in the use, acceptance, acquisition, sale or lease of any street or other public way, ground, place, property or structure shall be subject to similar submission and approval, and the failure to approve may be similarly overruled. The failure of the Commission or such District Engineer as the case may be, to act within thirty (30) days from and after the date of such official submission shall be deemed approval.

Sec. 7. Legal Status of Zoning Regulations. - (a) Any resolution of the Commission adopting zoning regulations for any urban area or any part thereof, or amending or repealing any zoning regulation, shall be filed with the President of the legislative body having jurisdiction over the area affected by said resolution. Unless said legislative body shall disapprove such resolution by a three-fourths vote within thirty (30) days from the date of filing it shall thereupon take effect and shall supersede any similar regulations of said urban area or any part thereof effective at the date such regulation takes effect. Disapproval of any such resolution shall not be effective unless it is filed with the Chairman of the Commission together with a statement in writing giving the reasons for such disapproval.

Such regulations, once they become effective as adopted by resolution of the Commission may be amended, repealed or added to only in the following manner: The Commission may upon its own initiative at any time or upon application as provided in the following paragraph (b), adopt a resolution for any such purpose. Any such resolution shall be filed with the President of the legislative body having jurisdiction over the area affected by said resolution. Unless said legislative body shall

disapprove said resolution by a three-fourths vote within thirty (30) days from the date of filing it shall thereupon take effect. Disapproval of any such resolution shall not be effective unless it is filed with the Chairman of the Commission together with a statement in writing giving the reasons for such disapproval.

(b) Applications for change in any resolution or regulation referred to in the preceding paragraph (a), may be filed at any time by any taxpayer of the urban area or part thereof affected by such resolution or regulation with the legislative body having jurisdiction over such urban area or part thereof. The legislative body concerned shall refer the matter to the Commission for appropriate recommendation.

(c) In case any building or structure is or is proposed to be erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, converted and maintain, or any building, structure or land is or is proposed to be used in violation of any resolution or regulation which is in effect in accordance with this Order, the Zoning Administrator, the Legislative Body or other appropriate authority of the province, city or municipality, as the case may be, or any adjacent or neighboring property owner who would be specially damaged by such violation, may, in addition to other remedies, institute injunction, mandamus or other appropriate action or proceeding to prevent such unlawful erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, conversion, maintenance or use, or to correct or abate such violation or to prevent the occupancy of said building, structure or land.

Sec. 8. Legal Status of Subdivision Regulations. - (a) Any resolution of the Commission adopting or amending subdivision regulations for any urban area or any part thereof shall be filed with the President of the legislative body having jurisdiction over the area affected by said resolution. Unless said legislative body shall modify or disapprove such resolution by a three-fourths vote within thirty (30) days from the date of filing, it shall thereupon take effect and shall supersede any similar regulations of said urban area or any part thereof effective at the date such regulations take effect.

(b) From and after the time when any such subdivision regulations are in effect, then no plat or subdivision shall be filed for record or recorded, no buildings shall be erected, no land sold, leased or contracted to be sold or leased, and no permit issued until such plat or subdivision shall have been approved by the Administrative Agency designated by the Commission to administer the same and such approval endorsed in writing on the plat or subdivision.

(c) Each such Administrative Agency shall approve or disapprove the plat within sixty (60) days after the submission thereof; otherwise such plat shall be deemed to have been approved and a certificate to that effect shall be issued by said Administrative Agency on demand: Provided, however, That the applicant may waive this requirement and consent to the extension of such period. The grounds of disapproval of any plat shall be stated upon the records of said Administrative Agency.

(d) From and after the time when any such subdivision regulations are in effect no building permit shall be issued for or no building shall be erected on any lot within the land area affected by such subdivision regulations unless the street giving access to the lot upon which said building is proposed to be placed (1) shall have been accepted or opened as, or shall have otherwise received the legal status of, a public street prior to that time or (2) corresponds in its location and lines with a street shown on a subdivision plat approved by the said Administrative Agency or (3) corresponds with a street duly located or accepted by the legislative body having jurisdiction over the area affected by such division regulations. Any building erected or to be erected in violation of this Section shall be deemed an unlawful structure, and an ejection, removal or injunction proceeding may be brought by the said Administrative Agency to enjoin such erection or cause it to be vacated or removed.

(e) In considering subdivisions of land the said Administrative Agency shall be guided by the desirability of avoiding land subdivision in areas which are unready for such development because

of lack of facilities, distance from other built-up areas, or other similar social, economic and physical deficiencies.

Sec. 9. Zoning Administrator. - There is hereby created the office of Zoning Administrator for each urban area or part thereof affected by zoning regulations adopted pursuant to this Order. For urban areas of over one hundred thousand population said Zoning Administrator shall be appointed by the Director of Planning, subject to the approval of the Commission and the Director of Civil Service. For other urban areas the Zoning Administrator shall be the district engineer of the Engineering District in which such urban area is situated. Each Zoning Administrator shall have the power:

(a) To administer and enforce all zoning resolutions and regulations.

(b) To investigate all applications of property owners, including leases, for changes to zoning ordinances and make report thereon and recommendation in respect thereto to the Director of Planning and the Commission.

(c) To investigate, hear and determine all applications for variances from the rules, regulations, restrictions and requirements of any zoning resolutions and to grant such variances as may be in harmony with the general and specific rules therein contained and subject to such conditions and safeguards as he may impose. He shall have authority to grant variances only when practical difficulties, unnecessary hardships or losses inconsistent with the general purposes of the zoning regulations may result from the strict and literal interpretation and enforcement of the provisions thereof, and before any variance may be granted, it shall appear and the Zoning Administrator shall specify in his findings the fact in each case which shall establish beyond a reasonable doubt:

(1) That there are exceptional or extraordinary circumstances or conditions applicable to the property involved or to the intended use of the property that do not apply generally to the property or class or uses in the same district or zone; and

(2) That such variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the petitioner, possessed by other property in the same zone and vicinity; and

(3) That the granting of such variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property or improvements in such zone or district in which the property is located; and

(4) That the granting of such variance will not adversely affect any general plan.

The decision of the Zoning Administrator shall be final except that appeal therefrom may be taken to the appropriate Court of First Instance having jurisdiction over the area affected by any person aggrieved, by the Director of Planning or by any officer, board, department or bureau of the appropriate political unit of the urban area. Upon making a ruling or decision upon any matter under his jurisdiction, the Zoning Administrator shall forthwith furnish a copy thereof to the applicant, to the Director of Planning, and to the Commission. No variance granted by the Zoning Administrator shall become effective until after a period of thirty (30) days has elapsed during which time an appeal may be filed with the above mentioned Court. An appeal stays all proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed from.

Sec. 10. Local Planning. - The Commission may delegate in writing to a local Planning Commission that may be established in one or more provinces, chartered cities or municipalities such of its powers and duties for such period of time and under such conditions as the Commission may deem proper. The Commission may also determine the organization of any local Planning Commission and specifically limit the area or scope within which a particular power or duty may be exercised by a local Planning Commission, and may require that any General Plans, resolutions, regulations, plans, or plats recommended or adopted by a local Planning Commission be submitted to it for approval. The

local Planning Commission shall observe the same procedural restrictions that this Order provides for actions of the Commission and a local Planning Commission shall have the same relationship to the appropriate legislative body as the Commission.

Sec. 11. Appropriation. - To carry out the purposes of this Order there is hereby appropriated the sum of P50,000.00. This sum is to be taken from any savings in the Office of the President and other departments and agencies, as may be available from appropriations under Commonwealth Act Nos. 674 and 723, as certified by the Commissioner of the Budget.

Sec. 12. Reports. - The Commission shall render to the President an annual report and such other reports as, from time to time, it may deem advisable or as may be requested.

For the purpose of effectuating any General Plan or any part thereof, the Commission may recommend to the President in such detail it may deem advisable projects and, if appropriate, legislation for the rehabilitation, clearance, or rehabilitation and reconstruction of slum districts; for housing developments and neighborhood units; for land and utility projects; for the development of destroyed, blighted, decaying, or obsolete urban areas; for the development of industrial towns, sanitary districts, drainage districts, reclamation districts, soil conservation districts, water supply districts, water power districts, irrigation districts, or other special purpose types or classes of districts.

Sec. 13. Penalty. - Any willful violation of any resolution, regulation or General Plan which is in effect in accordance with this Order shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months or a fine of not exceeding five hundred (P500.00) pesos, or both such imprisonment and fine in the discretion of the court. Without prejudice to the filing of any criminal action, the prosecuting officer of the appropriate Province, Chartered City or Municipality, as the case may be, at the request of the Commission, prevent any such violation by an action for injunction in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Sec. 14. Repeals. - That part of paragraph (f) of section nineteen hundred and one and Sections Nineteen Hundred and three, Nineteen hundred and four and Nineteen Hundred and five, of Act Numbered Twenty-seven hundred and eleven, known as the Revised Administrative Code, and all laws, acts, or parts thereof, and all regulations, rules, and instructions or parts of the same, inconsistent with any provisions of this Order, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 15. Effectivity. - This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done at the City of Manila, this 11th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 99
AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 320, DATED JANUARY 27, 1941, ENTITLED
“REGULATING THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF RACE TRACK
AND HORSE RACING.”

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Commonwealth Act Numbered Six hundred and one, entitled “An Act to regulate the establishment, maintenance and operation of places of amusement in chartered cities, municipalities and municipal districts,” paragraphs 5, 7, 8, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 25 of Executive Order Numbered Three hundred and twenty, dated January 27, 1941, are hereby amended to read as follows:

“5. Automatic electric totalizator or other mechanical device for selling pari mutuel tickets.-No person, race track, racing club, nor any other entity holding horse races the gross crossings of which on any race day exceeds fifty thousand pesos, shall be allowed to hold races, unless such person, race track, racing club, or entity is provided with an automatic, electrically operated public indicator system and ticket selling machines, by means of which every ticket purchased on every horse in any race, shall be automatically and instantaneously recorded by electrical impulse on a prominently displayed bulletin board, each figure, letter, or symbol of which shall be readable from a distance. However, any such person, race track, racing club, or entity may, upon proper application, be provisionally licensed by the Board on Races to hold horse races even without the required automatic electric totalizator, provided that it shall provide itself with mechanical or other devices by which every ticket purchased on every horse in any race shall be recorded on a prominently displayed bulletin board readable from a distance in lieu of the required automatic electric totalizator which shall be subject to the approval of the Board on Races after they have been tested and found by the Board to be satisfactory; and provided, further, that such person, race track, racing club, or entity shall acquire and install within its premises the required automatic electric totalizator within such period as may be determined by the Board but not beyond June 30, 1947, and failure to comply with this requirement will cause the cancellation of their respective licenses.”

“7. Stewards; judges.- There shall be at least three stewards on each racing day, who may also act as the judges of finish. They shall have the necessary powers to supervise the conduct of the races, and to enforce the rules and regulations applicable on all questions and matters arising during the racing day. It shall be their duty to see, before allowing the program of races to begin that a license therefor has been duly secured; to determine and decide the win, place, and show horses in each race; to render the decision in all events in the order the winning

horses shall have crossed the tape line, and in case of closely contested events as shown by the photo-finish picture, which in all such cases shall be taken; to apply and to enforce the penalties provided against offending jockeys, trainers, horse owners, track employees, or other persons, who in any way perform duties connected with the races; and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board on Races. However, within such period as may be determined by the Board on Races but not beyond December 31, 1946, the taking of the photo-finish picture may be waived by the Board upon showing that devices for the taking of photo-finish pictures are not available.

“8. Handicappers.- Every person, race track, racing club, or any other entity holding horse races shall employ one or more handicappers, the number to be determined by the Board on Races from time to time as circumstances may warrant. It shall be the duty of the handicappers to keep a complete and up-to-date record of all registered horses, their owners, color, height, and such other characteristics as will aid in their proper identification; the particular group or class to which each horse belongs, together with the weight each carried in the previous races participated in. The handicappers shall prepare the program of races, taking into consideration past performance and condition of each horse, and shall so group and so handicap them as to nearly as it is practicable equalize the winning chances of all the entries in each race, all in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Board on Races may prescribe. Such program shall, however, be subject to the approval of the said Board before it can be published as the official program of the person, race track, racing club, or entity concerned.”

“15. Daily-double events.- Every person, race track, racing club, or any other entity holding horse racing may hold daily-double events as may be authorized by the Board on Races pursuant to the rules and regulations prescribed by said Board.”

“17. Hour of running daily-double races; posting of ticket sales.- The time for the running of the first race of any daily-double event shall be determined by the Board on Races depending upon the circumstances surrounding each racing day which shall be announced to the public by the person, race track, racing club, or entity holding the races through loud speakers at the time of the selection of the races constituting the daily-double event, and the second race thereof shall be run not later than forty-five minutes after the first race. The sale of tickets for the daily-double races shall be allowed after the Board on Races or its authorized representative has announced to the public the two races constituting each daily-double event. There shall be at least forty-five minutes between the time of closing the sale of tickets for these races and the running of the first race of each daily-double event. The number of tickets sold on each horse in the two races of each daily-double event and the totals thereof shall be posted at conspicuous bulletin boards at an interval of thirty minutes from the time the sale of tickets begins. This information shall also be given to the public through loud speakers. The closing of the sale of tickets for each event shall be properly announced by the ringing of a bell after which no more tickets shall be sold.”

“18. Totalizator receipts or wager funds; how distributed.- The total wager funds or gross receipts from the sale of pari mutuel tickets shall be apportioned as

follows: eighty-seven and one-half per centum shall be distributed in the form of dividends among holders of win, place and show horses, as the case may be, in the regular races; twelve and one-half per centum shall be set aside as the commission of the person, race track, racing club, or any other entity conducting the races, which shall include the amounts for the payment of authorized stakes or prizes for win, place and show horses, and authorized bonuses for jockeys; and in the case of daily-double races, the gross receipts derived from the total sale of daily-double tickets shall be apportioned in the same manner as provided herein-above, except that the eighty-seven and one-half per centum of the gross receipts from the total sale of daily-double tickets shall be distributed in the form of dividends among the holders of the winning combination of horses, that is, the two horses that won first place in the two races, instead of among holders of win, place and show horses, as in the case of regular races; provided, however, That of the twelve and one-half per centum representing the commission of the person, race track, racing club, or any other entity holding horse racing an amount equivalent to one-half per centum of the total wager funds or gross receipts from the sale of tickets shall be set aside and turned over by the person, race track, racing club, or any other entity holding horse racing as a special fund to the Board on Races to cover its expenses and such other purposes authorized under this Order. Any unexpended balance of this fund at the end of each year in excess of Ten Thousand Pesos shall be turned over to the Bureau of Animal Industry to be used by the latter exclusively for the promotion of horse breeding in the Philippines.”

“21. Persons prohibited from engaging in betting.- Racing clubs, race tracks, persons or entities holding horse races and their officials including stewards, judges, handicappers, jockeys, and starters, shall not be permitted to participate, directly or indirectly, in the betting on races conducted in their own race tracks; and members of the Board on Races, including the officials and employees of the said Board, on any race.”

“22. Persons prohibited admission.- Minors under eighteen years of age, except when accompanied by their parents or guardians, persons carrying deadly weapons or firearms of any description, except peace officers or officials of the race track or racing club or of the Board on Races, in the performance of their official functions, and intoxicated persons, shall not be admitted or allowed to remain in a race track during a racing day. Minors shall in no case be allowed to bet or to purchase wager tickets for others; and minors under fifteen years of age shall in no case be allowed admission in any race track.”

“25. Issuance of tax certificate.- No city or municipal official in charge of the collection of license fees on race tracks and occupations or trades connected with horse racing mentioned in the next succeeding paragraph and those which may be determined by the Board on Races from time to time, shall collect such fees and issue a tax certificate, unless the applicant submits a license or permit in writing from the Board on Races, authorizing such applicant to operate a race track or conduct horse racing on the days specified in the license or permit or to engage in such occupations or trades.”

Done in the City of Manila, this 11th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 100

TRANSFERRING THE FUNCTIONS OF PRESERVING PEACE AND MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER TO THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINE ARMY AND PLACING THE MILITARY POLICE COMMAND OF THE PHILIPPINE ARMY UNDER THE GENERAL SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

The public interest so requiring, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws of the Philippines, do hereby order:

The function of preserving peace and maintaining law and order in the Philippines which has heretofore been vested in the Chief of Staff, Philippine Army, is hereby transferred to the Provost Marshal General of the Philippine Army.

The Military Police Command of the Philippine Army, as now organized, together with its present officers and enlisted men, is hereby placed under the general supervision and control of the Secretary of the Interior.

Executive Order No. 51, dated June 7, 1945, is hereby modified accordingly.

Done at the City of Manila, this 15th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 101
DESIGNATING THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY OF THE PHILIPPINES

Under the authority contained in Section twenty-two of Commonwealth Act Numbered One, known as “The National Defense Act,” as amended by Commonwealth Act Numbered Three Hundred Twelve, the following appointment and assignment to the General Staff Corps is hereby announced:

Colonel Calixto Duque, O-01072, GSC, is hereby designated as Deputy Chief of Staff, vice Brigadier General Macario Peralta, Jr., who has left for the United States, and will immediately assume the duties prescribed for that Office in the National Defense Act and in pertinent executive orders.

Done at the City of Manila, this 18th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 102
FIXING OFFICE HOURS DURING THE HOT SEASON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 564 of the Revised Administrative Code, the office hours of all Government Bureaus and offices, including the provincial and municipal governments and Chartered Cities, during the period from April first to June fifteenth, nineteen hundred and forty-six, both dates inclusive, are hereby reduced to five continuous hours which shall be from eight a. m. to one p. m. All offices in the City of Baguio, whether national, provincial, or municipal, are exempted from the provisions of this Executive Order.

This Order does not oblige the Head of any Department, Bureau, or office so to reduce the hours of labor in his branch of work, but leaves the same in his discretion subject to the requirements of the service.

Done at the City of Manila, this **20th** day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: Malacañang Records Office

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1946). *[Executive Order Nos.: 1W – 109]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 103

AUTHORIZING THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, MANILA, TO OPERATE A RADIO RECEIVING STATION IN THE CITY OF MANILA FOR THE PURPOSE OF COPYING FOR PUBLICATION, IN THE PUBLIC PRESS, PRESS MESSAGES FROM RADIO STATIONS EXTERIOR TO THE PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS, all telecommunication services to and from points in the Philippines to and from points exterior thereto authorized by the Commonwealth Government to engage in such services were disrupted at the outbreak of the war;

WHEREAS, the Associated Press, a company duly authorized to engage in the dissemination of news thru the public press, established a radio receiving station in Manila, under Military control shortly after liberation, to supplement the inadequate communication channels, for the purpose of securing news from the outside world to be distributed to the different newspapers; and

WHEREAS, telecommunication facilities so far re-established are still inadequate to furnish sufficient channels over which news from the outside world may be brought rapidly to these Islands, for the benefit of the Filipino people in general;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sergio Osmeña, President of the Philippines, in the interest of public welfare and by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws of the Philippines, do hereby authorize the aforementioned Associated Press to continue operating its radio receiving station in Manila, for the purpose of receiving messages for publication in the public press, until June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and forty-six, subject to the following conditions:

1. That, with the exception of Section 1 of Act No. 3846, as amended, all the provisions of said Act and the regulations issued thereunder shall be applicable to said company and the radio station which it operates;

2. That the radio station of the company shall receive radio messages only from radio stations exterior to the Philippines which have authorized the company to do so;

3. That the station of the company shall be so constructed and operated as not to interfere with the operations of other radio stations;

4. That the company shall keep an account of the gross receipts of the business transacted by it and shall furnish the Auditor General and the Treasurer of the Philippines a copy of such account, from the date it started operation to the date of termination of this temporary permit;

5. That the company shall be liable to pay such taxes on real estates, buildings and personal property thereof as other persons or corporations are now or may be required by law to pay;

6. That the company shall further pay to the Treasurer of the Philippines, within ten days after the audit and approval of the accounts as prescribed in No. 4 above, one and one-half per centum of all gross receipts for the business transacted under this permit;

7. That the company shall hold the Commonwealth Government harmless from all claims, accounts, demands or actions arising out of accidents or injuries, whether to property or to persons, caused by the construction or operation of its radio station; and,

8. That this temporary permit shall not be construed as a finding that the operation of the service herein authorized will serve public interest, convenience and necessity, beyond the expressed terms of this temporary permit.

Done in the City of Manila, this **23rd day of March**, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 104

FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 82, DATED DECEMBER 24, 1945,
AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 87, DATED JANUARY 24, 1946, WHICH
AUTHORIZES THE PHILIPPINE PRESS WIRELESS, INC., MANILA, TO CONTINUE
HANDLING BY RADIO OTHER TYPES OF SERVICE BESIDES THAT AUTHORIZED
BY THE COMPANY'S FRANCHISE

WHEREAS, the conditions which required the issuance of Executive Orders Nos. 82 and 87 on December 24, 1945, and January 24, 1946, respectively, still exist and will continue to exist for sometime;

WHEREAS, no additional radio communication facilities have yet been re-established in the Philippines since the issuance of Executive Order No. 87 above mentioned;

WHEREAS, public interest, convenience and necessity require that the temporary authority granted to the Philippine Press Wireless, Inc., under Executive Order No. 82 and extended by Executive Order No. 87, be further extended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws of the Philippines, do hereby authorize the Philippine Press Wireless, Inc., to continue handling telecommunication services besides that type of service authorized in its franchise for a period of three months from March 24, 1946.

Done at the City of Manila, this 23rd day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 105

FURTHER EXTENDING THE PERIOD PROVIDED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT, DATED MARCH TWELVE, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY, AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBERED SIXTY-SIX, DATED SEPTEMBER FOURTEEN, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE, FOR WHICH PAYMENT MAY BE AUTHORIZED OF THE SALARIES OR WAGES OF NEWLY APPOINTED OR TRANSFERRED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS WHILE THEIR APPOINTMENTS ARE PENDING ACTION BY THE PROPER AUTHORITIES.

WHEREAS, after the reconstitution of the Commonwealth Government, it became necessary to extend new appointments to all government employees;

WHEREAS, on account of the large number of employees for whom new appointments had to be issued and the delay caused by the present state of transportation and communication, the appointment papers are oftentimes not received by the office which issues the appointments within the six-month period allowed in Executive Order Numbered Sixty-six, dated September fourteen, nineteen hundred and forty-five; and

WHEREAS, on account of the limitations set forth above many government employees in distant provinces cannot receive their salaries after the expiration of the six-month period provided in Executive Order Numbered Sixty-six, dated September fourteen, nineteen hundred and forty-five;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws of the Philippines, do hereby extend to twelve months the period of six months provided in Executive Order Numbered Sixty-six dated September fourteen, nineteen hundred and forty-five, for which payment may be authorized of the salaries or wages of newly appointed or transferred officers and employees of the National, provincial, city, and municipal governments while their appointments are pending action by the proper authorities: Provided, That the designations, salary rates, and dates of effectivity specified in the corresponding appointments shall conform to the plantillas as authorized by the Department heads concerned based on the approved budgets and to the corresponding grade allocations of the positions concerned: And provided, further, That the appointing officers shall be held personally liable for reimbursing the Government for payments that might be improperly made on account of appointments illegally issued or otherwise in contravention of existing laws, rules and regulations.

Done at the City of Manila, this 1st day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 106
ORGANIZING CERTAIN BARRIOS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BIGAA, PROVINCE OF
BULACAN, INTO AN INDEPENDENT MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE NAME OF PANDI

Upon the recommendation of the Provincial Board of Bulacan and the Secretary of the Interior, and pursuant to the provisions of Section sixty-eight of the Revised Administrative Code, the twenty-three municipalities of the Province of Bulacan, as established under Section thirty-eight of the Revised Administrative Code, are hereby increased to twenty-four, by segregating from the municipality of Bigaa the barrios of Pandi, Malibong Bata, Malibong Matanda, Bunsuran, Manatal, Bagbaguin, Masagana, Kupang, Bagong Barrio, Mapulang Lupa, Siling Bata, Siling Matanda, San Roque, and Kakarong and organizing the same into an independent municipality under the name of Pandi, with the seat of government in the barrio of Pandi.

The organization herein made shall take effect after the Bureau of Lands shall have certified to the Secretary of the Interior that a technical description meeting the requirements of Executive Order No. 114, dated August 31, 1937, has been submitted to and approved by said Bureau.

The municipality of Pandi shall consist of the barrios of Pandi, Malibong Bata, Malibong Matanda, Bunsuran, Manatal, Bagbaguin, Masagana, Kupang, Bagong Barrio, Mapulang Lupa, Siling Bata, Siling Matanda, San Roque, and Kakarong.

The municipality of Bigaa shall consist of its present territory minus the barrios of Pandi, Malibong Bata, Malibong Matanda, Bunsuran, Manatal, Bagbaguin, Masagana, Kupang, Bagong Barrio, Mapulang Lupa, Siling Bata, Siling Matanda, San Roque, and Kakarong.

Done at the City of Manila this 17th day of April, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-six and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 107
PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION OF DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT END, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS many domestic insurance companies have, on account of the Pacific War, sustained big losses and are not now in a position to resume operations, pay their creditors and provide insurance facilities for the insuring public; and

WHEREAS the economic reconstruction program of the country demands the immediate resumption of the business operation of domestic insurance companies which have not been reopened by rehabilitating their finances;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws of the Philippines, do hereby order:

Section 1. The sum of three million six hundred thousand pesos is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated to constitute a special fund which shall be designated "DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANY REHABILITATION FUND." This fund shall be used to purchase preferred shares of stock of insurance companies organized and now existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines, and such part of this fund not so utilized within two years of the effective date of this Order or such earlier date as the President may determine, shall revert to the general fund of the National Treasury.

Sec. 2. The fund shall be placed under the management of the Financial Rehabilitation Board created by section two of Commonwealth Act Numbered seven hundred and twenty-six. This Board shall manage the fund, invest the same under terms and conditions not inconsistent with the purposes of this Order, and limit salaries and other expenses paid or incurred by the companies receiving aid from the special fund herein appropriated. The Board shall issue such further rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to carry out the purposes of this Order.

Sec. 3. The Board may invest the fund entrusted to it for management and investment under this Order in preferred shares of domestic insurance companies applying to it for financial assistance after the Board is satisfied that the shareholders of the company had exerted every effort to extend assistance to the applicant. The Board may subscribe up to fifteen million pesos in such preferred shares, not less than twenty-five per centum thereof payable upon subscription and the balance upon call by the company as need therefore arises. In determining the financial condition of the company under the provisions of Act Numbered twenty-four hundred and twenty-seven, as amended, the balance of the subscription payable shall be admitted as an asset. Such shares shall be entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of one per centum during the first five years; two per centum during the second five years and three per centum thereafter; shall be preferred as against the common and other preferred shareholders in the distribution of assets in the event of liquidation; and shall be entitled to voting privileges.

Sec. 4. The Board may sell to the highest bidder in the open market the whole or any part of the preferred stock which it holds, but preference shall be given to the company or the stockholders thereof.

Sec. 5. All dividends paid on the shares held by the Board as well as the proceeds of the sale of said shares shall revert to the general fund of the National Treasury.

Sec. 6. Insurance companies now existing under the laws of the Philippines are hereby authorized to issue preferred shares of one or more classes in accordance with the provisions of this Order. When, in the opinion of the Insurance Commissioner, the financial condition of an insurance company warrants the retirement of preferred shares, the company may, at its option or upon the request of the preferred stockholders retire such shares or a portion thereof by paying the par value plus accumulated dividends: Provided, That the legal reserve required by sections one hundred and eighty-three and one hundred and eighty-six of Act Numbered twenty-four hundred and twenty-seven, as amended, and the entire paid-up capital remain unimpaired and a sum sufficient to pay all losses reported or in the course of settlement, and all liabilities for expenses and taxes is provided for; and Provided, further, That preferred shares held by the Board shall be retired before other preferred shares.

Sec. 7. If, in accordance with sections one hundred and seventy-four and one hundred and seventy-five of Act Numbered Twenty-four hundred and twenty-seven, as amended by Act Numbered thirty-one hundred and fifty-two and Commonwealth Act Numbered six hundred and ninety-seven, the Insurance Commissioner shall find that, instead of liquidating an insolvent domestic insurance company now existing, it would be more beneficial to its creditors and policyholders to permit the said company to resume its operations through the segregation of the excess of its non-preferred liabilities over its assets less the amount of preferred liabilities, and the conversion of said excess into pro rata credits of deferred payments burdening future net profits, the Insurance Commissioner may so order. In such case, the deferred liabilities shall not encumber the assets of the company, but the net profits of the company shall be devoted, after covering the dividend requirements of any outstanding preferred shares, to the payment of the said deferred liabilities until the same have been paid in full. If creditors and policyholders of the company representing ten per centum or more of the company's liabilities claim that the order of the Insurance Commissioner is arbitrary and prejudicial to the creditors and policyholders in general, or is null or erroneous for any reason, the same may, within thirty days after the company has been notified of the order of the Insurance Commissioner, institute an action in the Supreme Court to annul or modify the same, and the said Court shall have original jurisdiction to hear and determine the case, to appoint a referee to receive the evidence, shall shorten and simplify the proceedings, and shall cause the entry of its final judgment of the same to be made within thirty days after the case has been submitted for decision.

Sec. 8. Domestic insurance companies which do not receive aid under the provisions of this Order are hereby authorized to issue preferred or common stock, or both, for the purpose of rehabilitating themselves.

Sec. 9. All laws, executive orders, regulations and parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 20th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 108
REQUIRING ALL SHIPS ARRIVING IN THE PORT OF MANILA TO
SECURE UNLOADING PERMITS

WHEREAS, the ravages of war have brought destruction and damage to the facilities of the Port of Manila used in the receiving, storing and delivery of cargoes from abroad on account of which the efficient and speedy handling of such cargoes has been seriously impaired;

WHEREAS, as a result of the inadequate facilities now obtaining at the Port of Manila, there exists at present a serious congestion of commercial cargoes on pier premises which is causing considerable delay in the unloading of cargoes from commercial vessels many of which have to stay out in the harbor for several weeks awaiting berthing facilities; and

WHEREAS, in order to relieve the congestion on pier premises and avoid delay sustained by vessels in the unloading of cargoes, it becomes urgently necessary to limit temporarily the types of cargoes to be unloaded at the Port of Manila;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws of the Philippines, do hereby order that all ships arriving in Manila on or after June 1, 1946 from United States and foreign ports must receive an unloading permit from the Insular Collector of Customs before proceeding to the discharge of their cargo whether by lighter or alongside piers. Beginning June 1, 1946 the Insular Collector of Customs will grant priority of unloading on the following basis: First priority--discharge of mail, passengers, passengers' baggage, and perishables only from any vessel under regulations heretofore or hereafter issued by the Insular Collector of Customs; Second priority--discharge of perishables only from any vessel under regulations heretofore or hereafter issued by the Insular Collector of Customs; Third priority--complete discharge of any vessel whose manifest shows that at least 75% of total tonnage to be discharged at Manila consists of rice, wheat, flour, corn, petroleum products, trucks and automotive parts and tires, and such other essential commodities as may be determined from time to time by the Insular Collector of Customs under regulations heretofore or hereafter issued by that official.

Done at the City of Manila, this 8th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 109
TRANSFERRING THE SEAT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF SAN PABLO,
PROVINCE OF ISABELA, FROM ITS PRESENT LOCATION AT SAN PABLO TO
THE BARRIO OF AUITAN

Upon the recommendation of the Provincial Board of Isabela, concurred in by the Secretary of the Interior, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 68 of the Revised Administrative Code, the seat of the municipal government of San Pablo, said province, is hereby transferred from its present location at San Pablo to the barrio of Auitan.

The transfer herein made shall take effect as of April 25, 1946.

Done at the City of Manila, this 24th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

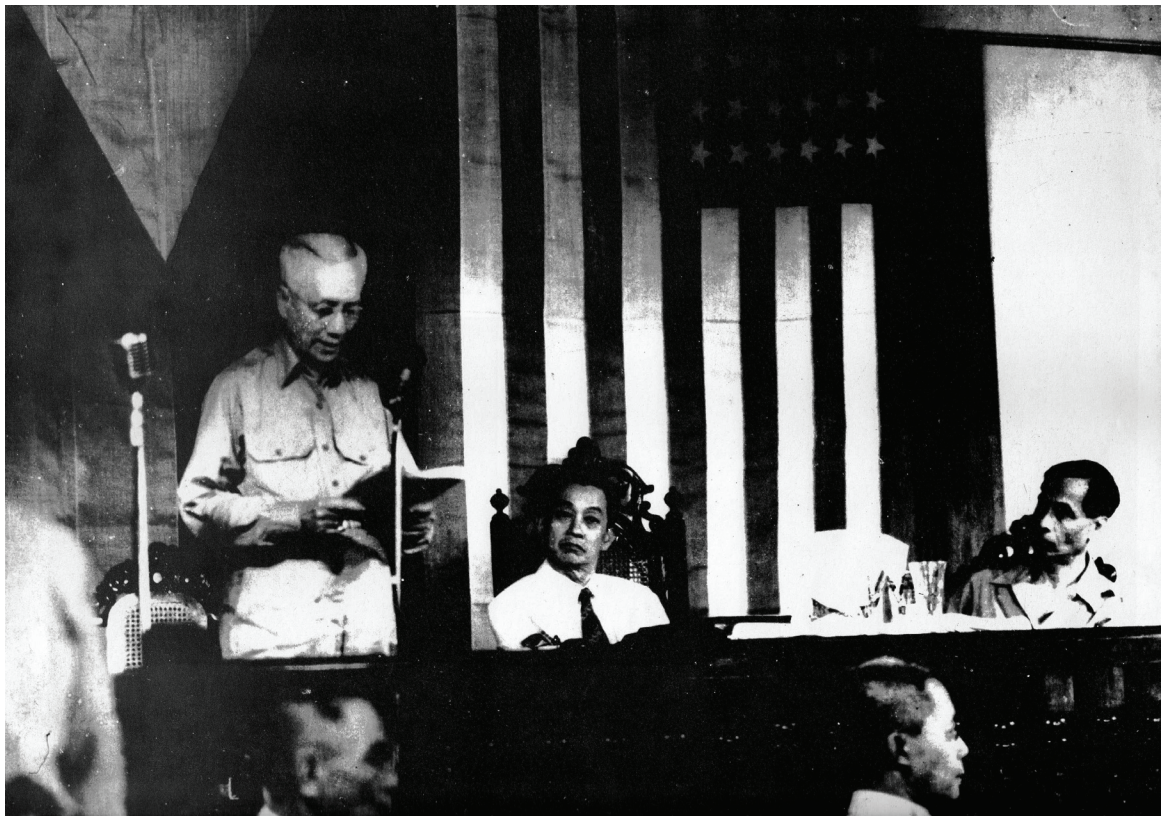
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MESSAGES OF THE PRESIDENT
SERGIO OSMEÑA
1944-1946

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Administrative Orders



President Sergio Osmeña's first and only State of the Nation Address, June 9, 1945.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS

An Administrative Order relates to particular aspects of governmental operations in pursuance of the President's duties as administrative head. The Administrative Orders of President Sergio Osmeña began on August 31, 1944 with Administrative Order No. 2-W, continuing the wartime series which began in Washington, D.C. (hence the 'W') by the late President Quezon, and ended on April 2, 1946 with Administrative Order No. 34. The W-series was dropped after Administrative Order No. 2-W.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2-W

REQUIRING HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND CHIEFS OF OFFICES TO FURNISH THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMISSIONER WITH COPIES OF PLANTILLAS AND APPOINTMENTS OF PERSONNEL ISSUED OR APPROVED BY THEM, AND AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMISSIONER TO APPROVE SUCH APPOINTMENTS, AND TO ATTEST THE APPOINTMENTS ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, it is essential that the Budget and Finance Commissioner be kept informed of all appointments of personnel in order that he can properly perform his duties in the supervision of the expenditure of the authorized appropriations;

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate approval of appointments to positions not by law vested in the President of the Philippines;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order and decree that:

1. All appointments - original, by transfer, reinstatement or promotion - not by law vested in the President of the Philippines shall be approved by the Budget and Finance Commissioner "By authority of the President," except appointments issued by the Office of the President of the Philippines, which should only be attested to by the said Commissioner.
2. Heads of Departments and Chiefs of Offices shall furnish the Budget and Finance Commissioner with copies of the appointments of personnel which they issue on approval from September first, nineteen hundred and forty-four, as well as certified copies of the plantillas of the personnel respectively under them as of July first, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and thereafter as of July first of each year. Such plantillas shall be typewritten on bond paper, 8 x 10-1/2 inches, and shall show the following information:

Name of Employee	Title of Position	SALARY		Appropriation Item No.
		Actual	Authorized	

Any subsequent changes in the plantillas should be reported immediately to said Commissioner in the same form.

Done at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, this 31st day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the ninth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1944). *[Administrative Order Nos.: 1W - 44]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 3
APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE EMERGENCY CURRENCY COMMITTEE FOR LEYTE

Pursuant to the provisions of the Executive Order No. 25, dated November 18, 1944, the Honorable Ismael Mathay, Budget and Finance Commissioner; Mr. Alberto Santa Cruz, Acting Provincial Auditor of Leyte; and Mr. Proceso Kadavero, Acting Assistant, Office of the President, are hereby appointed members of the Emergency Currency Committee for Leyte. The persons appointed, jointly with the members appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Army, S.W.P.A., will investigate and report on the bona fide emergency currencies issued by the duly authorized currency board of Leyte. The committee will proceed in accordance with said Executive Order No. 25 and submit its findings and recommendations to the President of the Philippines and to the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Army, S.W.P.A.

Done at the Seat of Government in the Field, this 24th day of November, 1944, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **ARTURO B. ROTOR**
Secretary to the President

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 4
AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS,
OF EMERGENCY CURRENCY NOTES POSSESSED BY MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN
FORCES REPATRIATED FOR HEALTH AND OTHER REASONS.

To provide some relief to members of the United States Armed Forces who labored and fought for the cause of the liberation of the Philippines, in cooperation with Filipino patriots, and now needed to be repatriated for health or other reasons, a method of redemption of the emergency currency notes in their possession is hereby authorized in accordance with the following rules:

1. This Order will apply to officers and personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States who did not surrender at the time of the occupation of the Philippines or who, having surrendered, escaped; are accredited members of military guerrilla units in the Philippines recognized by the United States Forces in the Far East; and are evacuated from military districts for the purpose of being sent to the United States for health and other valid reasons.

2. The fact of their eligibility under the terms of section 1, must be certified by the P. I. Subdivision. G-3 Section, GHQ.

3. The Commonwealth Government will redeem emergency currencies in their possession not exceeding the amount of five hundred United States dollars (\$500) in each case, at the rate of one United States dollar (\$1) for every two pesos (P2) presented of emergency currency.

This Order is not to be construed as establishing the validity of any issue of emergency currency or a definite redemption ratio for Philippine emergency currencies, such ratio to be later established as may be agreed upon by and between the United States and the Philippine Commonwealth Governments.

Done at the seat of Government in the Field, this twenty-eighth day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

(Sgd.) **MELQUIADES T. DE LA CRUZ**
Presidential Records Officer
2-I-72/LSS

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 5

PROVIDING FOR THE DETAILS REQUIRED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 30,
CURRENT SERIES, OF THE DIFFERENT AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED IN COMMONWEALTH
ACT NO. 654 AS MAY CORRESPOND TO THE PERIOD STARTING FROM
THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH
ON PHILIPPINE SOIL ON OCTOBER 23, 1944, TO JUNE 30, 1945,
FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SAID GOVERNMENT.

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 30, current series, the following appropriations or so much thereof authorized in Commonwealth Act No. 654 as may correspond to the period starting from February 27 to June 30, 1945, are hereby set aside for the operating expenses of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines during said period:

Senate	₱200,000.00
House of Representatives	670,261.00
Office of the President	1,012,422.12
Office of the Vice-President	9,038.58
Department of the Interior	95,126.01
Department of Finance	901,157.20
Department of Justice	1,846,435.17
Department of Agriculture and Commerce	1,816,968.02
Department of Public Works and Communications	1,221,929.15
Department of Instruction and Information	12,846,089.02
Department of Labor	166,687.27
Department of National Defense	279,823.09
Department of Health and Public Welfare	1,674,888.27
General Auditing Office	255,684.65
University of the Philippines	31,410.39
Commission on Elections	37,826.96
Supreme Court of the Philippines	91,036.99
Contingent Fund—For covering deficits in the foregoing appropriations which the President may authorize.	169,642.85
GRAND TOTAL	₱23,326,427.54

2. Any savings realized from the appropriations provided under paragraph 1 of this Order are hereby authorized to be used to cover expenditures incurred from the reestablishment of the Government of the Commonwealth on Philippine soil on October 23, 1944, to February 26, 1945.

Done at the City of Manila, this twenty-fifth day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 6

PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE NECESSARY OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE FIBER INSPECTION SERVICE DURING THE PERIOD FROM MAY 1 TO JUNE 30, 1945, AS AUTHORIZED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 30, CURRENT SERIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES AS REESTABLISHED, FOR A PORTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE THIRTY NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FOURTY-FIVE.

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 30, current series, the following appropriations, or so much thereof as may be necessary, authorized in Commonwealth Act No. 654 as may correspond to the period starting from May 1 to June 30, 1945, are hereby set aside for the operating expenses of the Fiber Inspection Service during the said period:

Salaries and Wages:

Administrative

1. One Manager at ₱6,120	₱1,020.00
2. One chief clerk at ₱3,120	520.00
3. One assistant chief clerk at ₱2,940	490.00
Excess of actual salary at ₱60	10.00
4. One clerk at ₱2,940	490.00
Excess of actual salary at ₱10	1.66
5. One clerk at ₱1,800	300.00
6. One clerk at ₱1,560	260.00
7. One clerk at ₱1,320	220.00
8. One clerk at ₱1,080	180.00
9. Two clerks at ₱900	300.00
10. Four clerks at ₱840	560.00
11. Two clerks at ₱780	260.00
12. One clerk at ₱660	110.00
Excess of actual salary at ₱120	20.00
13. One clerk at ₱660	110.00
14. Three clerks at ₱600	300.00
15. Two clerks at ₱540	180.00

Inspection

16. One chief inspector at ₱5,100	850.00
17. One assistant chief inspector at ₱3,960	660.00
18. Three district fiber inspectors at ₱3,720	1,860.00
Excess of actual salary at ₱280	140.01
19. One district fiber inspector at ₱3,480	580.00
20. One district fiber inspector at ₱3,300	550.00
21. One district fiber inspector at ₱3,120	520.00
22. One fiber inspector at ₱2,940	490.00
23. One fiber inspector at ₱2,760	460.00
24. One fiber inspector at ₱2,400	400.00
25. Two fiber inspectors at ₱2,280	760.00
26. Four fiber inspectors at ₱2,040	1,360.00
27. Five assistant fiber inspectors at ₱1,800	1,500.00
28. Three assistant fiber inspectors at ₱1,440	720.00
29. Fourteen assistant fiber inspectors at ₱1,200	2,800.00
30. Two junior fiber inspectors at ₱900	300.00
Excess of actual salary at ₱180	60.00
31. Four junior fiber inspectors at ₱900	600.00
Excess of actual salary at ₱60	40.00
32. One junior fiber inspector at ₱900	150.00
33. Two junior fiber inspectors at ₱840	280.00
34. Seventeen junior fiber inspectors at ₱720	2,040.00
35. One agent at ₱1,800	300.00
36. One messenger at ₱600	100.00
37. One messenger at ₱480	80.00
38. One janitor-messenger at ₱420	70.00
Excess of actual salary at ₱60	10.00
39. One janitor-messenger at ₱420	70.00
40. Skilled, semi-skilled, and unskilled laborers	1,666.67
 Total for salaries and wages	 ₱24,748.34

Sundry Expenses

41. Traveling expenses of personnel	₱2,000.00
42. Freight, express, and delivery service	33.33
43. Postal, telegraph, telephone, cable, and radio service	333.33
44. Illumination and power service	33.33
45. Rental of buildings and grounds	933.33

46. Consumption of supplies and materials	333.33
47. Printing and binding reports, documents and publications	83.33
48. Maintenance and repair of equipment	66.66
49. Other services	116.66
Total for sundry expenses	₱3,933.30

Furniture and Equipment

50. For the purchase of furniture and equipment	₱96.66
Total for furniture and equipment	₱96.66

Summary

Total for salaries and wages	₱24,748.34
Total for sundry expenses	3,933.30
Total for furniture and equipment	96.66
Total amount available for the Fiber Inspection Service	₱28,778.30

2. Any savings realized from the appropriations provided under paragraph 1 of this Order are hereby authorized to be used to cover expenditures incurred from the reestablishment of the Government of the Commonwealth on Philippine soil on October 23, 1944, to April 30, 1945.

Done at the City of Manila, this 26th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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Office of the President of the Philippines. (1944). *[Administrative Order Nos.: 1W - 44]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 7
APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE EMERGENCY CURRENCY COMMITTEE TO REPORT
ON THE BONA-FIDE EMERGENCY CURRENCIES ISSUED BY DULY AUTHORIZED
EMERGENCY CURRENCY BOARDS IN ALL PROVINCES LIBERATED FROM ENEMY
OCCUPATION AND CONTROL

Pursuant to the provisions of Title I, paragraph 4, of Executive Order No. 25, dated November 18, 1944, as amended by Executive Order No. 46, current series, the following are hereby appointed members of the Emergency Currency Committee to study, investigate, and report on the bona-fide emergency currencies issued by duly authorized emergency currency boards in all provinces liberated from enemy occupation and control:

Hon. ANGEL S. GAMBOA, Acting Judge at Large, to act as Chairman;
Mr. SANTIAGO RAMOS, Acting Supervising Auditor, General Auditing Office, Member; and
Mr. PABLO TOBIAS, Acting Chief of Division (National Finance Division), Department of Finance, Member.

The Committee hereby constituted will proceed at once in accordance with said Executive Order No. 25, as amended, and submit its findings and recommendations to the President of the Philippines, through the Secretary of Finance.

In the fulfilment of its duties, the Committee or any of its members is hereby vested with authority to take testimony or evidence with all the incidental powers thereto as provided in section 580 of the Administrative Code. All offices of the Commonwealth Government in the provinces, cities, and municipalities concerned shall extend to the committee the assistance it may need in carrying out its functions.

Done at the City of Manila this 7th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 8

AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 5, DATED MAY 25, 1945, ENTITLED “PROVIDING FOR THE DETAILS REQUIRED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 30, CURRENT SERIES, OF THE DIFFERENT AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED IN COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 654 AS MAY CORRESPOND TO THE PERIOD STARTING FROM THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH ON PHILIPPINE SOIL ON OCTOBER 23, 1944, TO JUNE 30, 1945, FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SAID GOVERNMENT.”

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 30, current series, the following positions are hereby authorized for the House of Representatives in addition to the items provided in Administrative Order No. 5, for the period from February 27 to June 30, 1945, under the division or unit indicated herein:

Office of the Speaker

1. One assistant to the secretary at ₱2,940	₱997.50
2. One stenographer at ₱3,480	1,180.71
3. One clerk-stenographer at ₱1,920	651.43
4. One clerk at ₱720	244.29
5. One clerk at ₱480	162.86
6. One caretaker and gardener for the Speaker's Cottage in Baguio at ₱540	183.21

Office of the Electoral Commission

7. One assistant secretary and recorder at ₱2,040	692.14
8. One messenger at ₱660	223.93

Office of the Commission on Appointments

9. One secretary to the Commission on Appointments at ₱2,760	936.43
10. One stenographer at ₱840	285.00
11. One clerk at ₱480	162.86

Office of the Commission on Impeachment

12. One secretary to the Commission on Impeachment at ₱2,400	814.29
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Office of the Committee on Appropriations

13. One clerk at ₱900	305.36
Excess of actual salary at ₱60	20.36

Office of the Committee on Third Reading

14. One secretary to the Committee on Third Reading at ₱2,400	814.29
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Office of the Committee on Accounts

15. One stenographer at ₱960	325.71
16. One clerk at ₱600	203.57
17. One clerk-messenger at ₱480	162.86

Office of the Secretary

18. One stenographer at ₱960	325.71
19. Two clerks at ₱660	447.86
20. One messenger at ₱720	244.29

Office of the Sergeant-At-Arms

21. One assistant sergeant-at-arms at ₱900	305.36
Excess of actual salary at ₱60	20.36
22. Three assistant sergeants-at-arms at ₱720	732.87
23. Twelve legislative police at ₱720	2,931.48

Office of the Legislative Service

24. Three assistants at ₱3,120	3,175.71
25. Six legislative researchers and bill drafters at ₱1,800	3,664.26
26. One legislative researcher and bill drafter at ₱1,560	529.29
27. One legislative clerk at ₱1,080	366.43
28. One library assistant and filer at ₱960	325.71
29. One assistant librarian at ₱780	264.64
30. One assistant librarian at ₱720	244.29
31. One chief clipping clerk at ₱2,040	692.14
32. One clipping clerk at ₱1,200	407.14
33. One clipping clerk at ₱1,030	366.43
34. One senior clerk at ₱1,800	610.71
35. One clerk at ₱1,080	366.43
36. One property and record clerk at ₱900	305.36
Excess of actual salary at ₱60	20.36
37. One stenographer at ₱720	244.29

38. One clerk-typist at ₱720	244.29
39. Seven clerk-typists at ₱600	1,424.99
40. One watchman at ₱600	203.57
41. Two messengers at ₱420	₱285.00
Excess of actual salaries at ₱60	40.72
42. One janitor at ₱420	142.50
Excess of actual salary at ₱60	20.36
43. One laborer at ₱420	142.50

Office of the Chief Clerk

44. Four clerks at ₱720	977.16
45. One clerk at ₱660	223.93
46. One clerk at ₱780	264.64

Mailing Section

47. One clerk at ₱600	203.57
48. One messenger at ₱420	142.50
Excess of actual salary at ₱60	20.36

Accounting Division

49. One clerk at ₱960	325.71
50. One clerk at ₱900	305.36
Excess of actual salary at ₱300	101.79
51. One clerk at ₱900	305.36
Excess of actual salary at ₱60	20.36
52. One clerk at ₱840	285.00
53. One clerk at ₱720	244.29
54. One clerk at ₱660	223.93
Excess of actual salary at ₱120	40.71
55. One clerk at ₱540	183.21

Journal Division

56. One debate stenographer at ₱2,160	732.86
57. One stenographer at ₱1,800	610.71
58. One stenographer at ₱1,440	488.57

Publication Section

59. One proof-reader at ₱2,040	692.14
60. One clerk at ₱1,920	651.43

61. Two clerks at ₱1,200	814.28
62. One clerk at ₱960	325.71
63. One clerk at ₱720	244.29

Bills and Index Division

64. One proof-reader at ₱2,040	692.14
65. One stenographer at ₱840	285.00
66. Two clerks at ₱780	529.28
67. Three clerks at ₱720	732.87
68. Three clerks at ₱660	671.79
69. One clerk at ₱600	203.57
70. Two clerks at ₱540	366.42
71. One clerk at ₱420	142.50
Excess of actual salary at ₱60	20.36
72. Two roneo-operators at ₱540	366.42

Translating and Proof-Reading Division

73. One translator at ₱1,320	447.86
74. One clerk-translator at ₱1,440	488.57
75. Two clerks at ₱660	447.86
76. One clerk at ₱600	203.57
77. One clerk at ₱420	142.50
Excess of Actual salary at ₱80	20.36
78. One messenger at ₱420	142.50

Records Division

79. One clerk at ₱660	223.93
80. Two clerks at ₱480	325.72

Property Division

81. Two clerks at ₱660	447.86
82. One clerk at ₱600	203.57
83. One clerk at ₱480	162.86
84. One clerk-messenger at ₱480	162.86

Committee Stenographers Division

85. For item 117, page 5 of Administrative Order No. 5 -Excess of actual salary at ₱60	20.36
86. Seven stenographers at ₱960	2,279.97
87. One clerk at ₱660	223.93
88. One clerk at ₱420	142.50

Disbursement Division

89. Two clerks at ₱480	325.72
90. One messenger at ₱420	142.50

Personnel of the Building

91. Two watchmen at ₱480	325.72
92. Four elevator operators at ₱660	895.72
93. One elevator operator at ₱480	162.86
94. One laborer at ₱600	203.57
95. Six laborers at ₱540	1,099.26
96. Sixteen laborers at ₱480	2,605.76
97. One chauffeur at ₱660	223.93
Excess of actual salary at ₱60	20.36
98. One mechanic at ₱720	244.29
99. One helper at ₱480	162.86
100. For supplementary force	678.57
Total	₱53,077.97

This Order shall take effect as of February 27, 1945.

Done in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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MALACAÑAN PALACE

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 9**PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES DURING THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 27 TO JUNE 30, 1945**

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 30, current series, the sum of P422, 562.57, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby set aside out of the appropriations provided in Commonwealth Act No. 654, in addition to the amounts provided in Administrative Order No. 5, dated May 25, 1945, for the operating expenses of the University of the Philippines during the period from February 27 to June 30, 1945, distributed, as follows:

1. For increasing the salary rates provided in Administrative Order No. 5 to correspond to the rates of salaries actually received in 1941 -

Administrative Order No. 5		
Item No.	Positions	Increases
(e-1)	One inventory clerk (From ₱780 to ₱960 per annum)	₱61.07
(g-1)	One superintendent (From ₱2,760 to ₱3,000 per annum)	81.43
(i-1)	One professor, registrar and director of the summer institute (From ₱4,200 to ₱4,800 per annum)	203.57
(j-1)	One dean (From ₱300 to ₱600 per annum) (full time basis)	101.78
(k-1)	One professor (From ₱3,000 to ₱6,000 per annum) (full time basis)	1,017.85
(l-1)	One researcher in economics (From ₱3,960 to ₱4,000 per annum)	13.57
(m-1)	One professor and librarian (From ₱4,500 to ₱5,000 per annum)	169.64
(o-1)	One professor and head (From ₱2,760 to ₱5,500) (full time basis)	930.64
(r-l)	One professor and head (From ₱4,500 to ₱5,000 per annum)	169.64
Total increase		<u><u>₱2,749.19</u></u>

2. For the resumption of essential activities -

Salaries and Wages
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
Administrative Division

(a) One cashier and collecting-disbursing officer at ₱3,000	₱353.23
(b) One clerk at ₱936	75.40

Property Division

(c) One property custodian and buyer at ₱1,440	158.71
(d) One inventory clerk at ₱1,200	212.90

Office of the Registrar

(e) One custodian of student records and assistant to the registrar at ₱3,960	165.00
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Office of the Comptroller

(f) One assistant to the comptroller at ₱3,300	354.03
(g) One bookkeeper at ₱1,440	104.00
(h) One audit clerk at ₱1,080	78.00
(i) One clerk at ₱960	80.00

Clerical Force

(j) One clerk-stenographer at ₱1,440	60.00
(k) One clerk at ₱900	195.00
(l) One clerk at ₱900	192.00
(m) One clerk at ₱720	158.00
(n) One clerk at ₱720	108.39
(o) One clerk at ₱720	92.90
(p) One clerk at ₱720	20.00
(q) One clerk at ₱660	139.33

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE**Department of Agronomy**

(r) One instructor at ₱1,600	266.66
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Department of Animal Husbandry

(s) One instructor at ₱2,200	366.66
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Agricultural Engineering

(t) One assistant professor at ₱2,600	433.34
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UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

(u) One chief cataloguer (rank of assistant professor) at ₱2,600, April 16 to June 30, 1945	541.65
(v) One senior assistant and reviewer at ₱2,120, April 16 to June 30, 1945	441.65
(w) One loan librarian at ₱2,000	405.55
(x) One senior library assistant (rank of instructor) at ₱1,800, April 16 to June 30, 1945	375.00

(y) One medical librarian at ₱1,200	243.33
(z) One law librarian at ₱1,320, April 16 to June 30, 1945	275.00
(a-1) One senior library assistant (rank of assistant instructor) at ₱1,200, April 16 to June 30, 1945	250.00
(b-1) One senior assistant (Browsing Room) at ₱1,200, June 1 to June 30, 1945	100.00
(c-1) One senior bibliographer assistant and curator of archives in charge of Filipiniana Division (rank of assistant instructor) at ₱1,200, June 1 to June 30, 1945	100.00
(d-1) One senior assistant cataloguer at ₱960, April 16 to June 30, 1945	200.00

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Department of Anthropology and Sociology

(e-1) One assistant professor at ₱3,600	1,112.90
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Department of Physics

(f-1) One associate professor at ₱4,000	620.84
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Department of Chemistry

(g-1) One associate professor at ₱4,500	545.32
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COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Department of Physiology and Biochemistry

(h-1) One professor and head at ₱5,500	664.78
(i-1) One assistant engineer at ₱1,440	158.71

Department of Anatomy

(j-1) One associate professor at ₱4,000	333.33
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Department of Pharmacology

(k-1) One associate professor at 4,000	290.00
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SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

(l-1) One assistant professor in oral, medicine and surgery at ₱3,000	353.87
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COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

(m-1) One associate professor in pharmaceutical chemistry at ₱4,500	545.32
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COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SCIENCE

(n-1) One assistant professor in veterinary anatomy at ₱3,000	338.71
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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

(o-1) One professor in civil engineering at ₱5,000	549.72
(p-1) One associate professor in mechanics at ₱4,000	473.65
(q-1) One associate professor at ₱4,200	350.00

U. P. LAND GRANT

(r-1) One administrator at ₱3,000, June 1 to 30, 1945	250.00
(s-1) One clerk and warehouseman at ₱600 June 1 to 30, 1945	50.00
(t-1) Two ranger-scalers at ₱780, June 1 to 30, 1945	130.00
(u-1) One foreman at ₱600, June 1 to 30, 1945	50.00
(v-1) One janitor at ₱480, June 1 to 30, 1945	40.00
(q-1) Two concession guards at ₱840, June 1 to 30, 1945	140.00

SUNDRY EXPENSES

(x-1) Traveling expenses of personnel	490.00
(y-1) Freight, express and delivery service	150.00
(z-1) Postal, telegraph, telephone, cable and radio service	560.00
(a-2) Consumption of supplies and materials	47,090.00
(b-2) Maintenance and repair of equipment	150.00
(c-2) Other services	350.00

FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

(d-2) For the purchase of furniture and equipment	33,930.00
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SPECIAL EXPENSES

(e-2) Maintenance and repair of buildings and grounds	6,000.00
(f-2) Repairs of the Mapa High School Building annex	190,000.00
(g-2) Repairs of the Institute of Hygiene Building, College of Medicine Building and College of Medicine Storeroom	120,050.00
(h-2) For wages, other helpers, supplies, materials, repair and construction of houses, gasoline and miscellaneous expenses	7,500.00

Total	<u><u>₱419,813.38</u></u>
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Done at the City of Manila this 5th day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) S. OSMENA
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOSE S. REYES
Secretary to the President

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 10
AMENDING ITEM (f-2), SPECIAL EXPENSES, OF ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER NO. 9, DATED JULY 5, 1945

In view of the representations made by the Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines to the effect that the University shall reopen its classes for the present in the neighborhood of the old site of the University, utilizing such spaces in the ruined buildings as may be usable, as well as those that may be granted by the Philippine General Hospital, and that, aside from the fact that the Mapa High School Building annex on Nagtahan Street is presently occupied by war widows, the building would need extensive repairs and furthermore provide very limited space for the purposes of the University, the appropriation of P190,000 authorized under item (f-2) under "Special Expenses", of Administrative Order No. 9, dated July 5, 1945, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SPECIAL EXPENSES

x x x x x

For repairs of University buildings and those used
by the University, and for the construction of
temporary buildings -----
----- P190,000.00"

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of July, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-five, and of the Commonwealth, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 11
AUTHORIZING THE PACIFIC UNION INSURANCE COMPANY TO BECOME A SURETY
UPON OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES, STIPULATIONS, BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS.

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given with one surety or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trust, and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board, or body executive, legislative, or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract, or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract with the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Union Insurance Company is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, hereby authorize the Pacific Union Insurance Company to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not, at any time, exceed its admitted assets.

Done in the City of Manila, this 21st day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 12

REVOKING EMERGENCY CONTROL ADMINISTRATION ORDER NUMBERED ONE,
DATED MARCH SEVEN, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE, ENTITLED “LEASES
OF STALLS IN THE PUBLIC MARKETS OF THE CITY OF MANILA INCLUDING SUBURBS,
AND THE NEED FOR LICENSES TO ENGAGE IN THE SALE OF FOODSTUFFS AND OTHER
ARTICLES OF PRIME NECESSITY.”

Effective this date, the supervision, investigation and approval of business licenses in the City of Manila shall be undertaken exclusively by the Government of the City; likewise, the administration and supervision of public markets are hereby restored to the Government of the City of Manila in accordance with the City Charter and the Market Code.

The Executive Officer of the Emergency Control Administration is hereby directed to turn over to the proper official of the Government of the City of Manila all pending applications, records, and other papers relative to business licenses and markets.

Emergency Control Administration Order No. 1, dated March 7, 1945, is hereby revoked.

Done at the City of Manila, this 25th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Administrative Order Nos.: 1 W - 44]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 13
CREATING A COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE SALE OF TEXTILES BY
THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

For the purpose of investigating the sale of textiles made by the National Development Company, and in accordance with the request made by the Chairman of its Board of Directors, a committee is hereby constituted composed of the following:

Solicitor General Lorenzo M. Tañada,	Chairman
Colonel H. Gilhouser –	Member
Mr. Juan Concon –	Member

For this purpose, the Committee is hereby authorized to summon witnesses and take testimony or evidence with all the incidental powers thereto as provided in section 580 of the Revised Administrative Code.

The Committee shall report to the President of the Philippines as soon as possible its findings and recommendations.

Done at the City of Manila, this 4th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) SERGIO OSMEÑA
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOSE S. REYES
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Administrative Order Nos.: 1W - 44]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 14
AUTHORIZING THE MANILA SURETY AND FIDELITY COMPANY, INC.
TO BECOME A SURETY UPON OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES,
STIPULATIONS, BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS.

WHEREAS Section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given with one surety or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trust and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board, or body executive, legislative or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract, or undertaking, unless such corporation has been, authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract with the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Manila Surety and Fidelity Company, Inc. is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, hereby authorize the Manila Surety and Fidelity Company, Inc. to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not, at any time, exceed its admitted assets.

Done at the City of Manila, this 10th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 15
AUTHORIZING THE PHILIPPINE GUARANTY COMPANY, INC. TO BECOME A SURETY
UPON OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES, STIPULATIONS, BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS.

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given with one surety or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trust, and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board, or body executive, legislative or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract, or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract with the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, The Philippine Guaranty Company, Inc. is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, hereby authorize the Philippine Guaranty Company, Inc. to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not, at any time, exceed its admitted assets.

Done at the City of Manila, this 10th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 16
AUTHORIZING THE FILIPINAS COMPAÑIA DE SEGUROS TO BECOME A SURETY UPON
OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES, STIPULATIONS, BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS.

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given with one surety, or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trust, and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board, or body executive, legislative, or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract, or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract with the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Filipinas Compañia de Seguros is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, hereby authorize the Filipinas Compañia de Seguros to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not, at any time, exceed its admitted assets.

Done at the City of Manila, this 10th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOSE S. REYES
Secretary to the President

Source: Malacañang Records Office

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Presidential Decree Nos.: 1 W - 44]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 17
AUTHORIZING THE LUZON SURETY COMPANY, INC., TO BECOME A SURETY UPON
OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES, STIPULATIONS, BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS.

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given with one surety or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trust, and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board, or body executive, legislative, or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract, or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract with the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Luzon Surety Company, Inc., is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, hereby authorize the Luzon Surety Company, Inc., to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not at any time, exceed its admitted assets.

Done at the City of Manila, this 11th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: Malacañang Records Office

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Administrative Order Nos.: 1W - 44]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 18
AUTHORIZING THE FAR EASTERN SURETY AND INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.
TO BECOME A SURETY UPON OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES, STIPULATIONS,
BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS.

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given, with one surety or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity or persons holding positions of public or private trust, and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board, or body executive, legislative or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract, or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract with the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Far Eastern Surety and Insurance Company, Inc. is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, hereby authorize the Far Eastern Surety and Insurance Company, Inc. to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not, at any time, exceed its, admitted assets.

Done at the City of Manila, this 11th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: Malacañang Records Office

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 19

CREATING A COMMITTEE TO STUDY WAYS AND MEANS TO PAY THE BACK SALARIES, GRATUITIES, BONUSES OR OTHER EMOLUMENTS OF THE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT, ITS INSTRUMENTALITIES AND DEPENDENCIES, COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1942, TO FEBRUARY 26, 1945.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Joint Resolution No. 5 of the Congress of the Philippines, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby create a Committee of three to study ways and means to pay the back salaries, gratuities bonuses or other emoluments of the loyal and deserving officials and employees of the Commonwealth Government, including those of provincial, city and municipal governments and those of companies or corporations owned or controlled by the Government, covering the period from January 1, 1942, to February 26, 1945. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

Mr. Ismael Mathay, Commissioner of the Budget - Chairman, representing the Secretary of Finance

Mr. Marciano del Rosario, Auditor, Agricultural and Industrial Bank - member, representing the Auditor General

Mr. Mariano Gonzalez, Officer-in-Charge of Civil Service - member, representing the Commissioner of Civil Service.

Every department, bureau, office and dependency of the Commonwealth Government as defined in Joint Resolution No. 5, as well as every company or corporation owned or controlled by the Government, shall furnish to the Committee such technical and clerical assistance, data, and information as it may require in connection with the performance of its duties, and the said Committee or its duly, authorized, representative shall, for this purpose, have access to and the right to examine any books, documents, papers or records of said departments, bureaus, offices and dependencies and government-owned or controlled corporations.

The Committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the President and Congress of the Philippines, not later than September 8, 1945.

Done at the City of Manila, this 14th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20
DESIGNATING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WELFARE AS OFFICIAL
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION.

WHEREAS, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) has signified its willingness to extend further material aid to the Philippines for civilian relief and rehabilitation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the UNRRA has suggested the creation of a local independent unit corresponding to it.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMENA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby designate the Director of Public Welfare as the official representative of the President with full authority to act for and on behalf of the Commonwealth Government in dealing with the UNRRA in all matters pertaining to the procurement, allocation and distribution of the supplies and equipment from said entity, as well as to supervise the distribution of UNRRA goods and equipment through the different Departments and units of the Commonwealth Government so as to insure their proper and equitable disposition.

The Director of Public Welfare, as such representative, is hereby authorized to call upon any officer or employee of any Department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government for such assistance as he may need in the proper discharge of his duties and functions hereunder.

Done at the City of Manila this 24th day of August, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 21
AUTHORIZING THE PROVIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE PHILIPPINES
TO BECOME A SURETY UPON OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES, STIPULATIONS,
BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS.

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given with one surety or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition there of shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trusts, and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board, or body executive, legislative or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract, or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract, with the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Provident Insurance Company of the Philippines is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested, by law, hereby authorize the Provident Insurance Company of the Philippines to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not, at any time, exceed its admitted assets.

Done at the City of Manila, this 10th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 22
AUTHORIZING THE METROPOLITAN INSURANCE COMPANY TO BECOME A SURETY
UPON OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES, STIPULATIONS, BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizances, stipulation, bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given with one surety or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trust, and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board, or body executive, legislative or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract, or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract with the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Insurance Company is domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, hereby authorize the Metropolitan Insurance Company to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not, at any time, exceed its admitted assets.

Done at the City of Washington, D. C. (for the City of Manila, Philippines), this 12th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 23
AUTHORIZING THE CENTRAL SURETY COMPANY TO BECOME A SURETY UPON
OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES, STIPULATIONS, BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS.

WHEREAS, section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given, with one surety or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trust and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board, or body executive, legislative or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract, or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract with the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Central Surety Company is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, hereby authorize the Central Surety Company to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not, at any time, exceed its admitted assets.

Done at the City of Manila, this 23rd day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Administrative Order Nos.: 1W - 44]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 24

**AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL INDEMNITY COMPANY, INC. TO BECOME A SURETY
UPON OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES, STIPULATIONS, BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS.**

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given with one surety or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trusts, and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board, or body executive, legislative or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract with the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the General Indemnity Company, Inc. is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, hereby authorize the General Indemnity Company, Inc. to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not, at any time, exceed its admitted assets.

Done at the City of Manila, this 29th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 25
AUTHORIZING THE RIZAL SURETY AND INSURANCE COMPANY
TO BECOME A SURETY UPON OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES, STIPULATIONS,
BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS.

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given with one surety or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trusts, and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board, or body executive, legislative or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract, or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract with the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Rizal Surety and Insurance Company is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, hereby authorize the Rizal Surety and Insurance Company to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not, at any time, exceed its admitted assets.

Done at the City of Manila, this 3rd day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 26
AUTHORIZING THE FIDELITY AND SURETY COMPANY OF THE
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS TO BECOME A SURETY UPON OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES,
STIPULATIONS, BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS.

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given with one surety or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trusts, and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board, or body executive, legislative or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract, or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract with the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Fidelity and Surety Company of the Philippine Islands is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, hereby authorize the Fidelity and Surety Company of the Philippine Islands to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not, at any time, exceed its admitted assets.

Done at the City of Manila, this 5th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 27
AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF GRATUITIES TO OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OUT OF THE TEN MILLION PESOS
APPROPRIATED IN COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 723.

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by existing law and to carry out the recommendations of the Committee created under Joint Resolution No. 5 of the Congress of the Philippines approved on July 28, 1945, I, SERGIO OSMENA, President of the Philippines, hereby authorize the payment, out of the ten million pesos appropriated in item 3, page 475, of Commonwealth Act No. 723, of gratuities to loyal and deserving officials and employees of the National Government who were in the active service on December 8, 1941, whether recalled to the service or not, and who were paid salaries on the monthly basis.

1. The gratuities herein authorized shall be equivalent to two months' basic salary at the rates actually received on December 8, 1941.
2. The following are considered not loyal and deserving and they are not, therefore, entitled to the gratuities herein authorized:
 - (a) Officials and employees who, after December 8, 1941, were convicted by competent authority of treason or other offenses involving moral turpitude or disloyalty to the Government of the United States or the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines.
 - (b) Those who, after December 8, 1941, were dismissed for cause from the service of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines.
 - (c) Those who were convicted of crimes involving moral turpitude or who were dismissed from the service for cause during the enemy occupation, except those who have been cleared by proper authority or whose cases have been duly reconsidered.
3. The payment of gratuities to officials and employees having cases against them in the People's Court, or in any other court or office of competent jurisdiction, and to those who are still under the custody of the United States Army; or of the Commonwealth Government shall be withheld pending the final outcome of their respective cases.
4. The payment of gratuities to officials who on December 8, 1941, were holding the positions of assistant director or assistant chief of bureau or office and other positions of the same or higher rank and to those who were promoted to such positions during the enemy occupation shall be withheld, except those who have been cleared by proper authority or reemployed in the Commonwealth Government.
5. Officials and employees appointed for a limited period of time shall be paid gratuities up to the date of the expiration of their last appointments or contracts at the rates of their actual basic monthly salaries on December 8, 1941, but in no case to exceed two months.

6. Officials and employees who died before February 26, 1945, shall be paid gratuities up to the date of death at the rates of their actual basic monthly salaries on December 8, 1941, but in no case to exceed two months.
7. The payment of the gratuities authorized in this Order shall be subject, in addition to the conditions herein set forth, to auditing requirements prescribed by the Auditor General.

Done at the City of Manila this 7th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 28
AUTHORIZING THE COMMONWEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY
TO BECOME A SURETY UPON OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES, STIPULATIONS,
BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS.

WHEREAS, section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given with one surety or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trust and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board, or body executive, legislative or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract, or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract with the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds and undertakings; and

WHEREAS the Commonwealth Insurance Company is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, do hereby authorize the Commonwealth Insurance Company to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not, at any time, exceed its admitted assets.

Done at the City of Manila, this 8th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 29

CREATING A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PROBLEMS PERTAINING TO GRATUITIES WHICH MAY BE GRANTED FURTHER TO LOYAL AND DESERVING OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS AND OF THE CORPORATIONS OR COMPANIES OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1942 TO FEBRUARY 26, 1945.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by existing law, I, Sergio Osmeña, President of the Philippines, do hereby create a Committee to study the problems pertaining to gratuities which may be granted further to loyal and deserving officials, employees, and laborers of the Commonwealth Government, including those of the provincial, city, and municipal governments and those of the corporations or companies owned or controlled by the Government who were in the active service on December 31, 1941, as well as those appointed thereafter by the proper Commonwealth authorities in the civil administration connected with the resistance movement whether their compensation was paid on the yearly, monthly, daily, or hourly basis. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

Hon. Jaime Hernandez, Secretary of Finance, Chairman

Hon. Alfredo Montelibano, Secretary of National Defense, and Acting Secretary of the Interior,
Member

Hon. Marcelo Adduru, Secretary of Labor, Member

Hon. Juan Nolasco, Mayor, City of Manila, Member

Mr. Domingo T. Dikit, Vice-President, Philippine National Bank, Member

The Committee shall take into consideration the finances of such governments and corporations or companies in relation to their legitimate outstanding obligations and other monetary requirements which are essential for their operation. This is necessary in order to find feasible ways and means of financing whatever gratuities may be recommended.

Every department, bureau, office and dependency of the Commonwealth Government; the provincial, city, and municipal governments and the corporations or companies owned or controlled by the Government shall furnish to the Committee such technical and clerical assistance, data, and information as it may require in connection with the performance of its duties, and the said Committee or its duly authorized representatives shall, for this purpose, have access to and the right to examine any books, documents, papers or records of said departments, bureaus, offices and dependencies, local governments, and government owned or controlled companies or corporations. The Committee or any of its members is hereby vested with authority to take testimony or evidence with all the incidental powers thereto as provided in section 580 of the Revised Administrative Code.

The Committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the President within sixty days from the date of this Order, together with proposed measures to carry out its recommendations.

Done at the City of Manila, this 24th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 30
CREATING A COMMITTEE TO HOLD A MUSIC CONTEST IN CONNECTION
WITH INDEPENDENCE DAY IN 1946

Pursuant to the provisions of Article XIV, Section 4, of the Constitution, which provides that arts and letters shall be under the patronage of the State, there is hereby created and constituted a Committee to hold a music contest in connection with Independence Day in 1946. The Committee shall meet at such places and times as may be designated by the Chairman, and shall be composed of the following members:

The Secretary of Instruction	-	Chairman
Mr. Ramon Tapales	-	Member
Miss Jovita Fuentes	-	Member
Miss Maria Lopes Vito	-	Member
Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda	-	Member
Mr. Antonio J. Molina	-	Member
Mr. Luis Valencia	-	Member
Mr. Alfredo Robles	-	Secretary

The Committee shall promulgate rules and regulations governing said music contest, subject to the approval of the President, and shall arrange for the presentation of the prizes in an appropriate ceremony in connection with Independence Day. The Committee is hereby empowered to call on any official, office, branch or dependency of the Government for such assistance as may be required to carry out the work entrusted to it.

Done at the City of Manila, this 3rd day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 31
AUTHORIZING THE PLARIDEL SURETY AND INSURANCE COMPANY
TO BECOME A SURETY UPON OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES,
STIPULATIONS, BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS.

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or contract made any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given with one surety or with two or more, sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trusts, and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board or body executive, legislative or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract with the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Plaridel Surety and Insurance Company is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, do hereby authorize the Plaridel Surety and Insurance Company to become a surety upon Official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not, at any time, exceed its admitted assets.

Done at the City of Manila, this 8th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 32
AUTHORIZING THE VISAYAN SURETY AND INSURANCE CORPORATION
TO BECOME A SURETY UPON OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES,
STIPULATIONS, BONDS, AND UNDERTAKINGS.

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation, bond, or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond, or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given with one surety or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trusts, and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS, said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board, or body executive, legislative or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract, or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract with the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Visayan Surety and Insurance Corporation is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, hereby authorize the Visayan Surety and Insurance Corporation to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds, and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not, at any time, exceed its admitted assets.

Done at the City of Manila, this 18th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 33
REORGANIZING THE OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER OF
THE PHILIPPINES TO THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by law, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

1. The sum of eighty thousand pesos (P80,000.00) out of the appropriation authorized in item B-IV-8, of Commonwealth Act No. 723, is hereby transferred to and made part of and in addition to the appropriation authorized in item B-(7) of said Act for the Office of the Resident Commissioner of the Philippines to the United States.
2. The Office of the Resident Commissioner of the Philippines to the United States, item B-(7), of Commonwealth Act No. 723, is hereby reorganized as follows:

(7) RESIDENT COMMISSIONER TO THE UNITED STATES

Item No.	Details	Amount (Oct. 1, 1945-June 30, 1946)
SALARIES AND WAGES		
1.	Resident Commissioner at ₱20,000	₱15,000.00
PRIVATE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER		
2.	One congressional assistant at ₱12,000	9,000.00
3.	One special assistant at ₱10,000	7,500.00
4.	One editorial assistant at ₱6,000	4,500.00
5.	One public relations assistant at ₱7,200	5,400.00
6.	One public relations assistant at ₱6,400	4,800.00
7.	One secretary at ₱6,000	4,500.00
8.	One clerk-stenographer at ₱4,800	3,600.00
EXECUTIVE OFFICE		
9.	One executive officer at ₱15,000	11,250.00
10.	One assistant executive officer at ₱9,000	6,750.00
11.	One secretary at ₱6,000	4,500.00
12.	One clerk at ₱6,000	4,500.00
13.	One clerk-stenographer at ₱5,200	3,900.00
14.	One property and records officer at ₱7,200	5,400.00
15.	One clerk at ₱4,800	3,600.00
16.	One clerk at ₱4,200	3,150.00
17.	One clerk at ₱4,200	3,150.00
18.	One receptionist-typist at ₱3,840	2,880.00

19.	One telephone operator at ₱3,600	2,700.00
20.	One messenger at ₱3,600	2,700.00
21.	One caretaker at ₱3,600	2,700.00
22.	One bookkeeper at ₱6,400	4,800.00
23.	One clerk-at ₱5,200	3,900.00
24.	One file clerk at ₱3,600	2,700.00
25.	One caretaker-chauffeur at ₱3,600	2,700.00
26.	Miscellaneous and emergency employees, including chairmen and charwomen	14,630.00
Technical Section		
27.	One law officer at ₱10,000	7,500.00
28.	One clerk-stenographer at ₱4,800	3,600.00
29.	One economist at ₱12,000	9,000.00
30.	One statistical clerk at ₱6,000	4,500.00
31.	One clerk-stenographer at ₱5,200	3,900.00
32.	One cultural relations assistant at ₱10,000	7,500.00
33.	One immigration assistant at ₱7,200	5,400.00
34.	One clerk-stenographer at ₱5,200	3,900.00
35.	One information officer at ₱10,000	7,500.00
36.	One press relations assistant at ₱6,000	4,500.00
37.	One news-analyst-writer at ₱6,400	4,800.00
38.	One reference assistant and secretary at ₱4,800	3,600.00
39.	One typist at ₱3,600	2,700.00
40.	One librarian at ₱6,400	4,800.00
41.	One clerk at ₱3,600	2,700.00
Philatelic Section		
42.	One philatelic agent and special disbursing officer at ₱7,200	5,400.00
43.	One clerk at ₱4,800	3,600.00
Total for salaries and wages		₱225,110.00
SUNDRY EXPENSES		
44.	For actual and necessary traveling expenses of the Resident Commissioner and his secretarial staff within the United States and to and from the United States	15,000.00
45.	Allowance in lieu of transportation expenses	4,500.00
46.	Allowance in lieu of rental of the official residence of the Resident Commissioner	9,000.00
47.	Allowance in lieu of representation expenses	7,500.00
48.	Stationery, postage, telegraph service, tolls for long distance calls, etc	18,000.00
49.	Miscellaneous expenses, including printing of reports, pamphlets, and documents, building maintenance, office materials and supplies, etc.	45,000.00
Total for sundry expenses		₱99,000.00
SPECIAL PURPOSES		
50.	For salaries of personnel, sundry expenses, and purchases of furniture and equipment for the offices in San Francisco and other cities	₱75,000.00

51.	For expenses for the sale of Philippine postage stamps at a surcharge	3,750.00
	To be paid out of the income from surcharges for the sale of postage stamps	(3,750.00)
	Total for special purposes	<u>₱75,000.00</u>
SUMMARY		
	Total for salaries and wages	₱225,110.00
	Total for sundry expenses	99,000.00
	Total for special purposes	<u>75,000.00</u>
	Total amount available for the Resident Commissioner to the United States	<u>₱399,110.00</u>

3. This Order shall take effect as of October 1, 1945.

Done at the City of Manila, this 6th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
 (SGD.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 34
AUTHORIZING THE TRADERS INSURANCE AND SURETY COMPANY
TO BECOME A SURETY UPON OFFICIAL RECOGNIZANCES,
STIPULATIONS, BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS.

WHEREAS section 1 of Act No. 536, as amended by Act No. 2206, provides that whenever any recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking conditioned for the faithful performance of any duty or of any contract made with any public authority, national, provincial, municipal, or otherwise, or of any undertaking, or for doing or refraining from doing anything in such recognizance, stipulation, bond or undertaking specified, is, by the laws of the Philippines or by the regulations or resolutions of any public authority therein, required or permitted to be given with one surety or with two or more sureties, the execution of the same or the guaranteeing of the performance of the condition thereof shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by any corporation organized under the laws of the Philippines, having power to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding positions of public or private trust and to execute and guarantee bonds or undertakings in judicial proceedings and to agree to the faithful performance of any contract or undertaking made with any public authority;

WHEREAS said section further provides that no head of department, court, judge, officer, board, or body executive, legislative or judicial shall approve or accept any corporation as surety on any recognizance, stipulation, bond, contract, or undertaking, unless such corporation has been authorized to do business in the Philippines in the manner provided by the provisions of said Act No. 536, as amended, nor unless such corporation has by contract with the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines been authorized to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds and undertakings; and

WHEREAS the Traders Insurance and Surety Company is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and fulfills the conditions prescribed by said Act No. 536, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, hereby authorize the Traders Insurance and Surety Company to become a surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds and undertakings in such manner and under such conditions as are provided by law, except that the total amount of immigration bonds that it may issue shall not, at any time, exceed its admitted assets.

Done at the City of Manila, this 2nd day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1946). *[Administrative Order Nos.: 1W - 44]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.



President Sergio Osmeña is flanked by his wife and daughter as they take a leisurely stroll through the riverside garden in Malacañan Palace. Behind them is the former San Miguel Brewery which is now the New Executive Building.



MESSAGES OF THE PRESIDENT
SERGIO OSMEÑA
1944-1946

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President Sergio Osmeña and First Lady Esperanza Osmeña happily greets visitors of Malacañan Palace during his birthday in 1945.

PROCLAMATIONS

A Proclamation fixes a date or declares a status or condition of public interest or importance, upon the existence of which the operation of a specific law or regulation is made to depend. The Proclamations of President Sergio Osmeña began on August 1, 1944 with Proclamation No. 1-W and ended on May 28, 1946 with Proclamation No. 39. The ‘W’ stood for “Washington, D.C.,” where some executive issuances were signed. The W-series was dropped on September 1, 1944 with Proclamation No. 3-W.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 1-W
PROCLAIMING A STATE OF MOURNING IN MEMORY OF THE DEATH
OF HIS EXCELLENCY, MANUEL LUIS QUEZON,
PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS His Excellency, Manuel Luis Quezon, President of the Philippines, died in Saranac Lake in the State of New York, United States of America on the morning of Tuesday, August first, at five minutes after ten o'clock; and

WHEREAS His Excellency, Manuel Luis Quezon, was the first President of the Philippines, remaining in this position for nearly nine years with honor and distinction to himself, to his country, and to the Filipino people; and

WHEREAS the death of Manuel Luis Quezon comes as a great sorrow and an irreparable loss to his family and friends and as a national bereavement to the Government and people of the Philippines; and

WHEREAS it is of national importance, as a mark of respect to the memory of President Quezon, that a state of mourning be declared;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sergio Osmeña, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby proclaim and designate the period from the first of August to the first of September of this year a state of national mourning for all citizens of the Philippines everywhere; and do hereby direct:

That the national flag of the Philippines be displayed at half-mast on all public buildings of the Commonwealth of the Philippines during this period.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, this first day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the ninth.

[SEAL]

SERGIO OSMEÑA
President of the Philippines

Source: Malacañang Records Office

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1944). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 2-W
DECLARING AUGUST 19, 1944, A SPECIAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY

WHEREAS President Quezon passed away on the first day of this month, at Saranac Lake, New York; and

WHEREAS President Quezon had consecrated his life to the cause of our freedom; and

WHEREAS August 19, 1944, will be the sixty-sixth anniversary of the birth of Manuel L. Quezon, first President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines; and

WHEREAS it would be fitting and proper that a special public holiday be declared so that Filipinos everywhere may go to their churches to pray for our beloved leader and hold memorial services to honor his memory and extoll his character and public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the provisions of section thirty of the Revised Administrative Code, I, Sergio Osmeña, President of the Philippines, do hereby proclaim August nineteenth, nineteen hundred and forty-four, a special public holiday.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, this tenth day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the ninth.

[SEAL]

SERGIO OSMEÑA
President of the Philippines

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1944). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 3-W
DECLARING THE FIRST MONDAY OF SEPTEMBER NINETEEN HUNDRED
AND FORTY-FOUR A SPECIAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

WHEREAS the first Monday of September each year, being the day, by legal enactment, celebrated and known as Labor's Holiday in the United States of America under Title 5, Article 87, United States Code, 1940, ed. ; and

WHEREAS it is most appropriate that during this year said day be declared a special public holiday so that Filipinos everywhere may properly pay tribute to the magnificent record of the workingmen of America in this peoples' war;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sergio Osmeña, President of the Philippines, in pursuance of the provisions of section thirty of the Revised Administrative Code, do hereby proclaim the first Monday of September, nineteen hundred forty-four, a special public holiday.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, this first day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the ninth.

[SEAL]

SERGIO OSMEÑA
President of the Philippines

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1944). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 4
DESIGNATING THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1944,
AS A DAY OF NATIONAL THANKSGIVING.

For the information of the people of the Philippines, I hereby publish the following proclamation of the President of the United States setting aside, in accordance with custom, Thursday, November twenty-third, nineteen hundred and forty-four, as a day of general thanksgiving:

“BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
“A PROCLAMATION

“In this year of liberation, which has seen so many millions freed from tyrannical rule, it is fitting that we give thanks with special fervor to our Heavenly Father for the mercies we have received individually and as a nation and for the blessings he has restored, through the victories of our arms and those of our Allies, to His children, in other lands.

“For the preservation of our way of life from the threat of destruction, for the unity of spirit which has kept our nation strong, for our abiding faith in freedom, and for the promise of an enduring peace, we should lift up our hearts in Thanksgiving. For the harvest that has sustained us and in its fullness, brought succor to other peoples, for the bounty of our soil, which has produced the sinews of war for the protection of our liberties, and for a multitude of private blessings, known only in our hearts, we should give united thanks to God.

“To the end that we may bear more earnest witness to our gratitude to Almighty God, I suggest a nationwide reading of the Holy Scriptures during the period from Thanksgiving Day to Christmas. Let every man of every creed go to his own version of the Scriptures for a renewed and strengthening contact with those eternal truths and majestic principles which have inspired such measure of true greatness as this nation has achieved.

“Now, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, in consort with the joint resolution of the Congress approved December 26, 1941, do hereby proclaim Thursday the twenty-third day of November, 1944, a day of national Thanksgiving. And I call upon the people of the United States to observe it by bending every effort to hasten the day of final victory and by offering to God our devout gratitude for His goodness to us and to our fellowmen.

“In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

“Done at the City of Washington, this first day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-ninth.

“FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

“By the President:

“EDWARD R. STETTINIUS, JR.

“*Acting Secretary of State*”

In line with the proclamation above quoted, I do hereby proclaim Thursday, the twenty-third of November, nineteen hundred and forty-four, as a day of Thanksgiving in the Philippines and enjoin the inhabitants of the nation to offer thanks to Almighty God on that day for the strength and fortitude with which He blessed the Filipino people during their darkest days and for the arrival of the forces of liberation on Philippine soil to free the country. And I call on the people of the Philippines to observe the day by renewing their pledge to continue their unrelenting fight against the forces of evil until victory is won so that His spirit of justice, righteousness and charity may again reign supreme for all men.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the seat of Government in the Field, this eighth day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the ninth.

SERGIO OSMEÑA

President of the Philippines

By the President:

ARTURO B. ROTOR

Secretary to the President

Source: Malacañang Records Office

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1944). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 5
DECLARING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1944 AS A SPECIAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY

WHEREAS the Commonwealth of the Philippines was proclaimed and inaugurated on November fifteenth, nineteen hundred and thirty-five; and

WHEREAS that event, constituting as it does an important landmark in the history of our struggle for freedom, has been declared a special public holiday in previous years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sergio Osmeña, President of the Philippines, pursuant to the provision of section thirty of the Revised Administrative Code, do hereby declare Wednesday, November fifteenth, nineteen hundred and forty-four, as a special public holiday in commemoration of that historic event.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the seat of Government in the Field, this thirteenth day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the ninth.

[SEAL]

SERGIO OSMEÑA

President of the Philippines

By the President:

ARTURO B. ROTOR

Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1944). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 6
DECLARING THAT THE CITY OF MANILA HAS BEEN FREED
FROM ENEMY OCCUPATION AND CONTROL FOR THE PURPOSES
OF THE DEBT MORATORIUM ESTABLISHED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25
DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1944, AS AMENDED.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Philippines, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby declare, for the purposes of the debt moratorium established by Executive Order No. 25, dated November 18, 1944, as amended by Executive Order No. 32, dated March 10, 1945, that the City of Manila has been freed from enemy occupation and control as of the date of this Proclamation, and that the debt moratorium will not apply to debts and monetary obligations contracted in said City after the date of this Proclamation.

Done at the City of Manila, this 10th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 7

DECLARING THAT THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE HAS BEEN FREED FROM ENEMY
OCCUPATION AND CONTROL FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE DEBT MORATORIUM
ESTABLISHED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25 DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1944, AS AMENDED.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Philippines, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby declare, for the purposes of the debt moratorium established by Executive Order No. 25, dated November 18, 1944, as amended by Executive Order No. 32, dated March 10, 1945, that the Province of Leyte has been freed from enemy occupation and control as of the date of this Proclamation, and that the debt moratorium will not apply to debts and monetary obligations contracted in that province after the date of Proclamation.

Done in the City of Manila, this 10th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) SERGIO OSMEÑA
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOSE S. REYES
Secretary to the President

Reference: Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION

MY BELOVED PEOPLE:

The American forces of liberation under the brilliant leadership of General MacArthur have destroyed the enemy army defending Leyte, established control of Mindoro, and now stand firmly on the soil of Luzon within striking distance of our Capital City. This is the answer to our prayers of many long months. The decisive hour in the Battle of the Philippines has arrived.

General MacArthur has called upon us to rally behind him and I know that every patriot, guerrilla and civilian, will heed that call so that the enemy may feel the full strength of our outraged people. Rally to his forces with your utmost so that his burden of battle may be lightened. Rise to noble heights as a liberty-loving people. Acquit yourselves with courage and honor worthy of the sacred memory of our departed heroes.

God defend our cause! God strengthen our arms! God speed the day of our deliverance!

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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MANILA

PROCLAMATION NO. 8
DESIGNATING SUNDAY, THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF MAY, NINETEEN HUNDRED
AND FORTY-FIVE, AS A DAY OF NATIONAL PRAYER.

I, Sergio Osmeña, President of the Philippines, do hereby publish the following proclamation issued today by the President of the United States setting aside Sunday, May thirteenth, Nineteen hundred and forty-five, to be a day of prayer:

“BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
“A Proclamation

“The Allied Armies, through sacrifice and devotion and with God’s help, have won from Germany a final and unconditional surrender. The Western world has been freed of the evil forces which for five years and longer have imprisoned the bodies and broken the lives of millions upon millions of free-born men. They have violated their churches, destroyed their homes, corrupted their children and murdered their loved ones. Our armies of liberation have restored freedom to these suffering peoples, whose spirit and will the oppressors could never enslave.

“Much remains to be done. The victory won in the West must now be won in the East. The whole world must be cleared of the evil from which half the world has been freed. United, the peace-loving nations have demonstrated in the West that their arms are stronger by far than the might of dictators or the tyranny of military cliques that once called us soft and weak. The power of our peoples to defend ourselves against all enemies will be proved in the Pacific as it has been proved in Europe.

“For the triumph of spirit and of arms which we have won, and for its promise to peoples everywhere who join us in the love of freedom, it is fitting that we, as a nation, give thanks to Almighty God, Who has strengthened us and given us victory.

“Now, therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, do hereby appoint Sunday, May thirteenth, nineteen hundred and forty-five, to be a day of prayer.

“I call upon the people of the United States, whatever their faith, to unite in offering joyful thanks to God for the victory we have won and to pray that He will support us to the end of our present struggle and guide us into the way of peace.

“I also call upon my countrymen to dedicate this day of prayer to the memory of those who have given their lives to make possible our victory.

“In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

“Done at the City of Washington, this eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-ninth.

“HARRY S. TRUMAN

“By the President:

“EDWARD R. STETTINIUS, JR.

“Acting Secretary of State”

It is only fitting that the day be also observed in the Philippines as in the United States and I do hereby enjoin the inhabitants of the Philippines to offer thanks to the Almighty God for the victory achieved and pray for His inspiration and guidance so that the war in the Pacific may be won as in the West, and may guide us through the path of justice, peace and lasting security.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this eight day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-five and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines the tenth.

SERGIO OSMEÑA

President of the Philippines

By the President:

JOSE S. REYES

Secretary to the President

Source: Malacañang Records Office

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 9

DECLARING THAT THE PROVINCES OF ANTIQUE, BATAAN, BATANGAS, BOHOL, BULACAN, CAPIZ, CAVITE, CEBU, ILOILO, LA UNION, MARINDUQUE, MASBATE, MINDORO, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, NEGROS ORIENTAL, NUEVA ECIJA, PALAWAN, PAMPANGA, PANGASINAN, RIZAL, SAMAR, TARLAC AND ZAMBALES HAVE BEEN FREED FROM ENEMY OCCUPATION AND CONTROL FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE DEBT MORATORIUM ESTABLISHED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25 DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1944, AS AMENDED.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Philippines, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby declare, for the purpose of the debt moratorium established by Executive Order No. 25, dated November 18, 1944, as amended by Executive Order No. 32, dated March 10, 1945, that the Provinces of Antique, Bataan, Batangas, Bohol, Bulacan, Capiz, Cavite, Cebu, Iloilo, La Union, Marinduque, Masbate, Mindoro, Negros Occidental, Negros Oriental, Nueva Ecija, Palawan, Pampanga, Pangasinan, Rizal, Samar, Tarlac, and Zambales have been freed from enemy occupation and control as of the date of this Proclamation, and that the debt moratorium will not apply to debts and monetary obligations contracted in said provinces after the date of this Proclamation.

Done at the City of Manila, this 30th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) SERGIO OSMEÑA
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOSE S. REYES
Secretary to the President

Source: Malacañang Records Office

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 10
CALLING THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES IN SPECIAL SESSION

WHEREAS, the public interest requires that the Congress of the Philippines be convened in special session to adopt such measures as may be necessary to meet the existing emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby call the Congress of the Philippines in special session, for the period of thirty days, commencing on the 9th day of June, 1945, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering general legislation.

All persons entitled to sit as members of the Congress of the Philippines are requested to take notice of this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 31st day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: Malacañang Records Office

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 11
DECLARING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE,
A SPECIAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, August 1, 1945 will be the first anniversary of the death of Manuel L. Quezon, first President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, it would be fitting that Filipinos everywhere, in the homeland and abroad, be given an opportunity to go to their churches to pray for our departed beloved leader and hold memorial services to honor his memory and extol his character and public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 30 of the Revised Administrative Code, I, SERGIO OSMENA, President of the Philippines, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, August 1, 1945, a special public holiday.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 16th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) SERGIO OSMENA
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOSE S. REYES
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 12
CALLING THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES IN SPECIAL SESSION

WHEREAS, by Proclamation No. 10, issued on May 31, 1945, the Congress of the Philippines was called in special session for a period of thirty days commencing on June 9, 1945, for the purpose of considering general legislation;

WHEREAS, in order to enable the Congress of the Philippines to consider pending matters which could not be acted upon by it in the aforementioned special session for lack of time, as well as other important and urgent matters, it is necessary to call another special session;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of Article VI, section 9, of the Constitution of the Philippines, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby call the Congress of the Philippines in special session for a period of thirty days commencing on Tuesday, August 14, 1945, at four o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering general legislation.

All persons entitled to sit as members of the Congress of the Philippines are requested to take notice of this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 8th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: Malacañang Records Office

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 13
DECLARING SUNDAY, AUGUST TWENTY-SIX, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE,
A DAY OF PRAYER

WHEREAS, with the unconditional surrender of Japan as demanded by the United Nations, the war has come to an end;

WHEREAS, the people of the Philippines have received this announcement of Japan's defeat with deep gratification, because it represents not only the complete victory of the forces of Democracy over fascism, feudalism and aggression, but also the beginning of a new era of world peace;

WHEREAS, so that we may give the full measure of our gratitude for this blessing bestowed on the peace-loving people of the earth, it is fitting that we unite in giving joyful thanks to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby proclaim Sunday, August 26, 1945, a day of prayer for the proper observance of the great Allied victory in which our people have their rightful share.

I call upon the people of the Philippines of all faiths to pray in eternal gratitude to God for preserving the moral strength of our people through the years of our suffering and for giving us the victory which will bring about a new world order of peace, security and righteousness. We shall all pray so that He may guide the victorious nations into the paths of peace, and we may dedicate the day to the memory of those who have fallen in the night to make possible the total victory that we are celebrating.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 21st day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: Malacañang Records Office

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 14

EXEMPTING FROM IMPORT DUTY COMMODITIES AND SUPPLIES RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION OR OTHER RELIEF ORGANIZATION FOR RELIEF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS, the ravages and destruction wrought by the war in the Philippines have left the Filipino people in dire need of relief and assistance in the form of food, clothing, housebuilding and sanitary-construction materials, and medical, surgical and other supplies; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration is willing and ready to send said supplies to the Philippines and, as a matter of fact, has already sent some for the relief and rehabilitation of the Filipino people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby declare an emergency by reason of war to exist under the provisions of Act No. 4198 entitled "An Act amending section eleven of the Act entitled 'An Act to raise revenue for the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes', approved by Congress of the United States on August fifth, nineteen hundred and nine, as amended, for the purpose of admitting free entry of certain merchandise in time of emergency", and do hereby designate the Director of Public Welfare to take charge of the importation of such commodities and supplies for relief purposes as the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration or other relief organization may send to the Philippines.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 15
CALLING THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES IN SPECIAL SESSION

By virtue of the powers conferred upon me by the provisions of Article VI, section 9, of the Constitution of the Philippines, and in order that the Congress may consider and pass the 1946 appropriation bill, the public works bills, and the bill increasing the number of Judges of First Instance, I, SERGIO OSMENÁ, President of the Philippines, do hereby call the Congress of the Philippines in special session for a period of ten days commencing on Saturday, September 22, 1945, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

All persons entitled to sit as members of the Congress of the Philippines are requested to take notice of this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 20th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENÁ**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 16
AMENDING PROCLAMATION NO. 15 SO AS TO ALLOW THE CONGRESS
OF THE PHILIPPINES TO CONSIDER IMPORTANT MEASURES OTHER THAN
THOSE ENUMERATED THEREIN.

Proclamation No. 15 calling the Congress of the Philippines in special session for a period of ten days commencing on Saturday, September 22, 1945, is hereby amended so as to allow the Congress during the said special session to consider such other measures as may be submitted to it by the President aside from those specified in the said Proclamation No. 15.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 26th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: Malacañang Records Office

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 17
DIRECTING THE SURRENDER OF ALL UNLICENSED FIREARMS AND AMMUNITIONS

WHEREAS, to bolster up the resistance movement against the Japanese invader, a considerable number of firearms was distributed among our citizenry, the provisions of the law regarding possession of firearms and ammunitions notwithstanding;

WHEREAS, heretofore, the Government has purposely refrained from enforcing said law in order that the inhabitants could protect themselves, their families and their respective communities from Japanese stragglers;

WHEREAS, the surrender of Japan has brought about the cessation of hostilities in the Philippines and the conditions justifying possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunitions have ceased to exist; and

WHEREAS, the restoration of normal conditions and of the constitutional functions of Government, as well as the maintenance of peace and order, require that all laws, more particularly, said law concerning possession of firearms and ammunitions, be fully observed and enforced;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Philippines, do hereby ordain and direct:

That any person holding or possessing firearms or ammunitions without a permit or license therefor previously issued by the Provost Marshal General of the Philippine Army shall surrender the same to the Military Commander of the province, or the Chief of Police of the municipality, in which such holder or possessor resides, within thirty days from the date of the proclamation by the respective Provincial Governor of this Proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 26th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 18
DECLARING OCTOBER TWENTIETH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE,
A SPECIAL NATIONAL HOLIDAY

On the twentieth day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-four, the troops of the United States Armed Forces landed on the shores of Leyte. Thus began the military operations which carried the liberation forces to final victory over the Japanese invaders.

Through the long years of war, our resistance to the enemy never faltered. The whole world knew that, amid privation and humiliation, our spirit was firm and proud. We welcomed the liberators when they arrived, and we fought through to final victory side by side with them.

The Philippine liberation campaign, launched one year ago, will long be remembered for its heroic redemption of a nation which had undergone the deepest tragedies of enemy occupation.

It is only fitting that the Filipino people, on this anniversary, should do honor to the brave men who fought for freedom in our land.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby proclaim the twentieth day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-five, the first anniversary of the landings of the American forces of liberation on Philippine soil to be a special national holiday, and I call upon all the people of the Philippines to observe this day in a spirit of humility before God and pay fulsome tribute to those who fought and suffered and died in the cause of liberty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, D. C. (for the City of Manila, Philippines), this 17th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 19

DECLARING ALL PROVINCES AND CHARTERED CITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES FREED FROM
ENEMY OCCUPATION AND CONTROL FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE DEBT MORATORIUM
ESTABLISHED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25,
DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1944, AS AMENDED.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Philippines, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby declare, for the purposes of the debt moratorium established by Executive Order No. 25, dated November 18, 1944, as amended by Executive Order No. 32, dated March 10, 1945, all provinces and chartered cities in the Philippines heretofore not declared free from enemy occupation and control, free from such enemy occupation and control as of the date of this Proclamation, and that the debt moratorium will not apply to debts and monetary obligations contracted in said provinces and chartered cities after the date of this Proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, D. C. (for the City of Manila, Philippines), this 11th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) SERGIO OSMEÑA
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOSE S. REYES
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 20
PROVIDING FOR THE RETURN TO STANDARD TIME,
AS PROVIDED IN COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 91.

WHEREAS, the emergency which justified the observance of the daylight-saving time has ceased to exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by law, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby direct that at twelve o'clock midnight, November 30, 1945, the daylight-saving time, heretofore observed in the Philippines, be terminated and retarded by one hour, and proclaim the standard time, as fixed in Commonwealth Act No. 91, effective in the Philippines beginning December 1, 1945.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America (for the City of Manila, Philippines), this 11th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) SERGIO OSMEÑA
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOSE S. REYES
Secretary to the President

Source: Malacañang Records Office

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 21
DECLARING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1945, AS A SPECIAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, November 15, 1945, marks the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Commonwealth of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that this event, which constitutes one of the most important milestones in their struggle for freedom, should be celebrated by the people of the Philippines as marking their last step forward to national sovereignty;

WHEREAS, it is desired that the officials and employees of the Government, as well as the general public should have time to celebrate this happy occasion and to ponder upon its significance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMENA, President of the Philippines, pursuant to the provisions of Section thirty of the Revised Administrative Code, do hereby declare Thursday, November 15, 1945, as a special public holiday.

Done at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America (for the City of Manila, Philippines), this 13th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 22
DESIGNATING THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-SECOND OF NOVEMBER, 1945,
AS A DAY OF NATIONAL THANKSGIVING

WHEREAS, the people of the Philippines traditionally observe a day of national thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, our gratitude to Divine Providence in this, the year of our liberation from direct oppression, is fervent and deep;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November twenty-second, nineteen hundred and forty-five, as a day of thanksgiving in the Philippines.

Having passed through three bitter years of fire and blood and preserved an abiding faith in God and our destiny as a nation, remaining loyal to our ideals and institutions, we have emerged, spiritually, if not materially, the stronger for the test.

We have deepened our understanding and our sense of unity and social responsibility, and may meet with fortitude the tasks which confront us.

Not only do we once again live in freedom and at peace, but we have been privileged to make important advances preparatory to the work of reconstruction.

Let us then, on the day appointed, each in his own way, but together as a people, repair to our respective, altars and houses of worship to offer our thanks to Almighty God for the blessings he has bestowed.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at Honolulu, Hawaii, this 18th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 23
CALLING THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES IN SPECIAL SESSION

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Tydings-McDuffie Act, as amended, the independence of the Philippines will be proclaimed not later than July 4, 1946;

WHEREAS, the term of office of the present Congress of the Philippines, unless legally extended, will expire on December 30, 1945;

WHEREAS, the term of office of the present incumbent of the office of President of the Philippines will continue until such time as his successor shall have been elected and qualified; and

WHEREAS, in order that the constitutional processes of government be completed before the proclamation of independence, it is essential that the election of the members of the Congress, the President, and the Vice President be provided for so that the newly elected Congress, together with the newly elected President and Vice President, be installed in office before July 4, 1946;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby call the Congress of the Philippines in special session for a period of three days commencing on the third day of December, 1945, at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of enacting legislation fixing the date of the election for national offices to be held not later than April 30, 1946, and making the necessary provisions to that effect.

All persons entitled to sit as members of the Congress of the Philippines are requested to take notice of this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 26th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 24

ESTABLISHING AND DESIGNATING A PARCEL OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SITUATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF HERMOSA, ORANI, SAMAL, ABUCAY, BALANGA, PILAR, BAGAC, AND MORON, PROVINCE OF BATAAN AND MUNICIPALITY OF SUBIC, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES, AS “BATAAN NATIONAL PARK”

Upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce, Manila, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, pursuant to the provision of section one of Act Numbered Thirty-nine hundred and fifteen, entitled “An Act providing for the establishment of national parks, declaring such parks as game refuges, and for other purposes,” hereby establish and designate as “Bataan National Park” under the administration of the Bureau of Forestry, subject to the general executive control and supervision of the said Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce, for park purposes for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the Philippines, and withdraw from sale, settlement, or other disposition, subject to private rights, if any there be, the following parcel of the public domain located in the municipalities of Hermosa, Orani, Samal, Abucay, Balanga, Pilar, Bagac, and Moron, province of Bataan, and the municipality of Subic, province of Zambales, Island of Luzon, and described as follows:

Bounded on the North by the southern boundary of Roosevelt National Park and certified Alienable and Disposable land; on the East, by certified Alienable and Disposable land; on the South by the U. S. Military Reservation and Bagac River; and on the West by the seacoast from Bagac River to Alilao River; thence the certified Alienable and Disposable land, and the U. S. Military and Naval Reservations.

Containing an approximate area of 31,400 hectares.

This park is subject to future delimitation and survey.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 1st day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 25
AMENDING PROCLAMATION NO. 23, DATED NOVEMBER 26, 1945,
BY CHANGING THE DATE OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES SET THEREUNDER

WHEREAS, by virtue of Proclamation No. 23, dated November 26, 1945, the Congress of the Philippines has been called in special session for a period of three days commencing on the third day of December, 1945, at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of enacting legislation fixing the date of the election for national offices to be held not later than April 30, 1946, and making the necessary provisions to that effect; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of the Senate necessary to constitute a quorum to do business is not available on this date due to difficulties of communication and transportation from their respective residences.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby amend Proclamation No. 23, dated November 26, 1945, and fix December 6, 1945, at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, as the commencement of the three-day special session of the Congress of the Philippines called thereunder.

All persons entitled to sit as members of the Congress of the Philippines are requested to take notice of this Proclamation.

Done at the City of Manila, this 3rd day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 26
GIVING PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE APPROVAL BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF THE ACT OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES, HOUSE BILL NO. 176,
NOW KNOWN AS COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 724.

In accordance with the provisions of section 3 of the Act of the Congress of the Philippines, entitled “AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY-TWO AND ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOUR OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AS AMENDED,” I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby give public notice of the approval of said Act by the President of the United States on November fourteen, nineteen hundred and forty-five, as provided in subsection (9), Section 1, of the Ordinance Appended to the Constitution of the Philippines.

The Act of the Congress of the Philippines above mentioned becomes Commonwealth Act Numbered Seven hundred twenty-four.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 4th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: Presidential Museum and Library

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Presidential Museum and Library.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 27

GIVING PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE APPROVAL BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF THE ACT OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES, HOUSE BILL NO. 608,
NOW KNOWN AS COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 699.

In accordance with the provisions of section thirteen of the Act of the Congress of the Philippines, entitled "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND AND THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR," I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby give public notice of the approval by the President of the United States on November twentieth, Nineteen hundred and forty-five, of said Act as provided in subsection (9), section 1, of the Ordinance Appended to the Constitution of the Philippines.

The Act of the Congress of the Philippines above mentioned becomes Commonwealth Act Numbered Six hundred ninety-nine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 4th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) SERGIO OSMEÑA
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOSE S. REYES
Secretary to the President

Source: **Presidential Museum and Library**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Presidential Museum and Library.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 28

DESIGNATING THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER FIFTEEN, NINETEEN HUNDRED
AND FORTY-FIVE TO JANUARY THIRTY-ONE, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX,
AS THE PERIOD FOR THE JOINT FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN OF THE BOY SCOUTS
AND GIRL SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS, the untiring efforts and effective leadership which the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of the Philippines contributed in the character development and citizenship training of the Filipino youth since their creation as public corporations under Commonwealth Acts Nos. 111 and 542, as well as the patriotic services which said organizations rendered to the country during the whole course of the Pacific War, which broke out on December 8, 1941, have won for them the good esteem, and merited the generous support of, the nation;

WHEREAS, in recognition and appreciation of the valuable assistance which the Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations contribute to the State in the fulfillment of its constitutional duty to promote the happiness and well-being of the youth of the land, it behooves the Government to help these organizations in any enterprise that they may undertake to advance their cause; and

WHEREAS, these organizations need financial aid with which to secure adequate administrative offices, facilities, supplies and equipment as replacements for those which were destroyed or otherwise lost on account of the war aforementioned, and to carry through their respective programs of activities laid out in accordance with their avowed aims and purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby designate and set aside the period from December 15, 1945, to January 31, 1946, as a special one for the conduct of the Joint Financial Campaign of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of the Philippines, to raise the funds necessary for the purposes above-mentioned. Further, I call upon all citizens and residents of the Philippines in every section of the country and in every walk of life to assist in this campaign and to give their special and general support so that these organizations may be assured of adequate funds with which to prosecute their work for the welfare of the youths throughout the country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 5th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: Malacañang Records Office

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 29
EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF THE FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FIRST CONGRESS
OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby extend the period of the Fourth Special Session of the First Congress of the Philippines up to and including the eleventh day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, for the purpose of considering the enactment of legislation of the nature specified in Proclamation No. 23, as amended by Proclamation No. 25, dated December 3, 1945, and such other matters as may be submitted thereto by the President of the Philippines.

All persons entitled to sit as members of the Congress of the Philippines are requested to take notice of this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 8th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) SERGIO OSMEÑA
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOSE S. REYES
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 30
EXTENDING ONCE MORE THE PERIOD OF THE FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE FIRST CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby extend the period of the Fourth Special Session of the First Congress of the Philippines up to and including the twelfth day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, for the purpose of considering the enactment of legislation of the nature specified in Proclamation No. 23, as amended by Proclamation No. 25, dated December 3, 1945, and by Proclamation No. 29, dated December 8, 1945, and such other matters as may be submitted thereto by the President of the Philippines.

All persons entitled to sit as members of the Congress of the Philippines are requested to take notice of this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 11th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) SERGIO OSMEÑA
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOSE S. REYES
Secretary to the President

Source: Malacañang Records

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 31
CALLING THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES IN SPECIAL SESSION

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby call the Congress of the Philippines in special session for a period of seven working days, beginning from the 13th day of December, 1945, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering legislation on the rehabilitation of the Philippine banks and the adjustment of creditor and debtor relationships during the period of the occupation of the Philippines by the Japanese forces.

All persons entitled to sit as members of the Congress of the Philippines are requested to take notice of this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 12th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: Malacañang Records Office

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 32

PROVIDING FOR A NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE ERECTION OF A
NATIONAL MONUMENT IN HONOR OF THE LATE PRESIDENT MANUEL L. QUEZON.

WHEREAS, Manuel L. Quezon, the late President of the Philippines, dedicated his life and labors to the service of his country; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the great services which the late President Quezon rendered to his country and people, it is but fitting and proper that a national monument be erected in his honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby proclaim a nation-wide campaign to raise funds for the erection of a national monument in honor of the late President Manuel L. Quezon, and, for this purpose, designate January 2, 1946, as the date for the commencement of this campaign until a total of at least P250,000.00 shall have been raised.

I enjoin all citizens and residents of the Philippines to give the Quezon Memorial Committee created by Executive Order No. 79 their full support and co-operation. I also direct all treasurers of the National, provincial, and municipal governments and of chartered cities to accept voluntary contributions and to issue official receipts thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 17th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

Source: **Malacañang Records Office**

Office of the President of the Philippines. (1945). *[Proclamation Nos.: 1W - 39]*. Manila: Malacañang Records Office.

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 33
RESERVING FOR SETTLEMENT PURPOSES TWO PARCELS OF LAND
SITUATED IN THE PROVINCES OF ORIENTAL NEGROS AND OCCIDENTAL NEGROS,
ISLAND OF NEGROS

Upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce and of the Chairman of the Board of Directors, National Land Settlement Administration and pursuant to the provisions of section 83 of Commonwealth Act No. 141, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, do hereby reserve for settlement purposes, under the administration of the National Land Settlement Administration, subject to private rights, if any there be, and to future classification and survey, and to the conditions that the timber and other forest products therein, as well as the use and occupancy of the area indicated as timber land or forest reserve, shall be placed under the administration and control of the Bureau of Forestry in accordance with the Forest Law and Regulations, two parcels of the public domain situated in the provinces of Oriental Negros and Occidental Negros, Island of Negros, to wit:

PARCEL I

“A strip of land seven thousand (7,000) meters on each side of Dancalan, Ilog, Negros Occidental, to Tolong, Negros Oriental National Highway between Km. Post 104 on Kabankalan side and Km. Post 139 on Tolong side, with a distance along the road of about 56 kilometers and 14 kilometers wide. Containing an area of approximately 78,400 hectares.”

PARCEL II

“A strip of land seven thousand (7,000) meters on each side of the proposed interprovincial road from Kabankalan, Negros Occidental, to Bais, Negros Oriental, with a distance of about 60 kilometers. Containing an area of approximately 84,000 hectares.”

Containing a total area of approximately 162,000 hectares, more or less.

There are hereby excluded from the operation of this proclamation the parcels of land comprised within Public Land Subdivision Surveys numbered Seventy (70), Seventy extension (70-Ext.), One Hundred Forty-Three (143), One Hundred Forty-six (146), One Hundred Forty-six extension (146-Ext.), and One Hundred Forty-seven (147).

Note - (This is subject to change to conform with future survey.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 29th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 34

REVOKING PROCLAMATION NO. 679 DATED FEBRUARY 5, 1941, AND RESERVING
THE PARCELS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE LA GRANJA
EXPERIMENT STATION FOR EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSES UNDER THE MANAGEMENT
OF THE BUREAUS OF PLANT INDUSTRY AND ANIMAL INDUSTRY.

Upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce and pursuant to the provisions of Section 83 of Commonwealth Act no. 141, as amended, I hereby revoke Proclamation No. 679, dated February 5, 1941, and reserve for experimental purposes under the management of the Bureaus of Plant Industry and Animal Industry, subject to private rights, if any there be, the four parcels of the public domain formerly known as the La Granja Experiment Station, located in the Barrio of Haguimit, Municipality of La Carlota, Province of Occidental Negros, Island of Negros, Philippines, to wit:

“Parcel 1. — Beginning at point marked 1 on plan FF-62-a, etc.

“Containing 5,251,540 square meters.

“Points 1 and 2 are marked by concrete monuments made in a barrel with hole in center; point 6, concrete monument made in a barrel with hole in center, marked L.G./S.E.; point 13, bamboo clump; point 118, concrete monument made in a barrel with hole in center, marked L.G./S.W.; point 127 stone monument marked H. V.; points 7 to 11, inclusive, in center and on bank of Marayo River; point 119, in center of sapa; points 120 to 140, inclusive, in centers and on banks of canal, arroyo, small canal, and sapa.

“Bounded on north by public road; on east, by property of Julian Cadenes; on southeast, by Marayo River and public land; on southwest, by public land, canal, arroyo, small canal property of Juan Uriarte y Goti et al. (Hacienda “Vizcaya”) and property of Ynchausti & Co. (Hacienda “Navalin”); on Northwest, by property of Ynchausti & Co. (Hacienda “Navalin”), sapa, and lot 3.

“Parcel 2. - Beginning at point marked 1 on plan FF-62-a, etc.

“Containing 1,061,522 square meters.

“Point 1 is marked by a concrete monument made in a barrel with hole in center, point 39, concrete monument made in a barrel with hole in center, marked L.G./N.E.; points 1 to 38, inclusive, on banks and in centers of streams and Nahalin River.

“Bounded on northeast by stream, property of Victoriano Rodriguez (Hacienda of Valencia) and Nahalin River; on east by property of Julian Cadenes;

on south by public road; on northwest by lot 4 and Nahalin River, stream and property of Victoriano Rodriguez (Hacienda of Valencia.)

“Parcel 3 (claimed by Antero Montinola). - Beginning at point marked 1 on plan FF-62-a, etc.

“Containing 748,188 square meters.

“Points 1 and 2 are marked by concrete monuments made in a barrel with hole in center; point 9, concrete monument made in a barrel with hole in center; marked L.G./N.W.; points 3 to 7, inclusive, in center of sapa; points 10 to 15, inclusive, in center of Nahalin River.

“Bounded on Northeast by public road; on Southeast by lot 1, on southwest by sapa, lot 1, and property of Ynchausti & Co. (Hacienda “Navalin”); on northwest by Nahalin River.

“Parcel 4 (claimed by Antero Montinola). - Beginning at point marked 1 on plan FF-62-a, etc.

“Containing 487,387 square meters.

“Point 1 is marked by a concrete monument made in a barrel with hole in center; points 8 to 23, inclusive, in center of Nahalin River; points 1, 24, 25, and 26 on bank of stream.

“Bounded on north by Nahalin River; on Southeast by road; on west by public road and Nahalin River.

“Bearings true. Declination, 1° 41' E.

“Points referred to marked on plan FF-62-a.

“Surveyed, February 3-11, 1911, Approved, March 26, 1912.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 13th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 35
DESIGNATING THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 27TH TO APRIL 2ND
OF EACH YEAR “NATIONAL LANGUAGE WEEK.”

WHEREAS, the Institute of National Language was created and the former National Assembly had approved certain laws in compliance with the constitutional mandate that steps be taken toward the development and adoption of a common national language based on one of the existing native languages;

WHEREAS, Commonwealth Act No. 570 provides that the Filipino national language be declared as one of the official languages of the Philippines, effective the fourth day of July, 1946; and

WHEREAS, the People and the Government of the Philippines should be encouraged to participate actively in the efforts to accomplish the purpose of the aforementioned provision of the Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, upon the recommendation of the Institute of National Language, do hereby proclaim NATIONAL LANGUAGE WEEK the period of seven days that ends on the birthday anniversary of Francisco Baltazar, the renowned author of “Florante at Laura”, or, to be more specific, from the twenty-seventh day of March to the second day of April, inclusive, of each year; and to this end, all public and private schools, colleges and universities, and other cultural agencies in the Philippines are especially called upon to observe the week in an appropriate manner, and to demonstrate their enthusiasm by adopting more effective measures for the propagation of the Filipino national language.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 26th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 36
EXEMPTING FROM IMPORT DUTY RICE IMPORTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OR
A RELIEF ORGANIZATION DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, as a result of the widespread destruction of life and property occasioned by war and owing to the shortage of work animals, the activities of the farmers of the Philippines have not yet been normalized, particularly those in connection with the raising of food crops;

WHEREAS, there exists a serious shortage of rice and an imminent danger of inflation of prices as a result of manipulation resorted to by those in control of the limited stock at present available for local needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMENA, President of the Philippines, do hereby declare, under the provisions of Act No. 4198 entitled "An Act amending section eleven of the Act entitled 'An Act to raise revenue for the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes,' approved by the Congress of the United States on August fifth, nineteen hundred and nine, as amended, for the purpose of admitting free entry of certain merchandise in time of emergency," an emergency to exist, and do hereby authorize the importation of rice heretofore made or hereafter to be made by or for the account of the Government or a relief organization designated by the President of the Philippines, free of duty, subject to such rules and regulations as the Insular Collector of Customs may prescribe, with the approval of the Secretary of Finance. The free importation of rice herein authorized shall continue during the existence of the emergency unless sooner withdrawn by the President of the Philippines.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 6th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMENA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 37
DECLARING MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1946, A SPECIAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, the twenty-first and twenty-third days of April, nineteen hundred and forty-six, are public holidays;

WHEREAS, it is believed that it would be for the best interests of the general public and of the banking and business houses to declare the twenty-second day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-six, as a special public holiday;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the authority in me vested by section 30 of the Revised Administrative Code, and there being sufficient reasons therefor, do hereby proclaim Monday, April twenty-second, nineteen hundred and forty-six, as a special public holiday.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 17th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 38
DECLARING TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1946, AS A SPECIAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Whereas the 28th day of May, 1946 is set aside in section 13 of Commonwealth Act No. 725, as the date when the President and Vice-President elect shall qualify and assume office;

Whereas it is fitting and proper that said date be observed with appropriate ceremonies;

Whereas there should be provided full opportunity for the general public to participate in such ceremonies in order that the day may be fittingly observed and its significance duly realized by all citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30 of the Administrative Code, do hereby declare Tuesday, May 28, 1946, as a special public holiday.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done at the City of Manila, this 27th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the eleventh.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

BY THE PRESIDENT:

(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**

Secretary to the President

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Enjoying his retirement: former President Sergio Osmeña stands below his official portrait, at home in Cebu, 1949.

